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Keynote presenter Scott Watts will share his passion for the poor and his conviction about Our Lady of Guadalupe and how she leads all people to Christ.  
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## 7 St. Pius X School students choose to become Catholic



Seven students from St. Pius X School in Moberly and their parents gather in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph Feb. 21 after the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. The students are preparing to become Catholic during the Easter Vigil in St. Pius X Church.  
— Photo by Deacon John Hill

See additional coverage from the Rite of Election on Page 5

By Jay Nies

Norah Harvey transferred to St. Pius X School in Moberly last year when she was in third grade.

She's now one of seven students in grades 1 through 8 at the school who with their parents' blessing are preparing to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

They meet with Deacon John Hill after school on Tuesday afternoons to prepare.

In keeping with the norms for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC), all seven will be baptized and all but one will be confirmed and will receive their First Holy Communion.

All traveled to the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City with their parents on the First Sunday of Lent to take part in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

They recently discussed why they want to be Catholic.

"I came to this school," said Norah, "and at church, when everybody was receiving the Eucharist, I really wanted to do that."

The COVID-19 pandemic and the abrupt shift to distance learning last spring delayed her journey of initiation.

"I've been wanting to do this since last year," she said. "My dad's family is Catholic. And I really want to build a better relationship with God and learn more about Him and start being a better person."

### "Amazing journey"

Eighth-grader Whitney Fenton came to St. Pius when she was in third

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## Bishop McKnight encourages the faithful to pray St. Joseph novena with him March 10-18

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is inviting families throughout the Jefferson City diocese to carve-out a special place for prayer in their homes and their schedules this month in observance of the Year of St. Joseph.

He's encouraging people to join him in praying a special March 10-18 novena leading up to the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The prayers and readings in English and Spanish for each day, as well as a newly composed song and videos from various churches throughout the diocese, can be found at [diojeffcity.org/year-st-joseph](http://diojeffcity.org/year-st-joseph) and [diojeffcity.org/novena-en-honor-a-san-jose](http://diojeffcity.org/novena-en-honor-a-san-jose).

A printable, bilingual booklet containing the prayers can also be downloaded from the site, along with infor-

mation about how to create a "St. Joseph Altar" for the feastday in the home.

"The husband of Mary and protector of the child Jesus was a man of deep faith and action," said Bishop McKnight, who wrote the prayers and chose the readings. "His courage and conviction stemmed from knowledge and obedience to God and fellowship with His Son. Together, we seek his inspiration and intercession in the sight of God's majesty."

Bishop McKnight believes it would be especially helpful for families to pray the novena together each day, possibly at meals or in the evening, as a way to help strengthen the Domestic Church in the home.

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Mar. 8 — **Fr. Alphonse J. Hoegen**, Chaplain, Capital Region Medical Center, Jefferson City (1978)

Mar. 10 — **Fr. Eugene J. Robl**, Chaplain, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Columbia (2002)

Mar. 11 — **Fr. Jerome W. Jaworski**, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Anthony (1979); **Fr. William D. Savage**, St. Joseph, Slater (1996)

Mar. 13 — **Fr. Edward J. Donohue**, St. Joseph, Palmyra (1999)

Mar. 14 — **Fr. Michael J. Knecht**, St. Joseph, Westphalia (1965)

Mar. 15 — **Fr. Edmund B. Purcell**, Assumption, Morrison (1976)

Mar. 18 — **Fr. Joseph T. Nolan**, St. Patrick, Sedalia (1965)

Mar. 19 — **Fr. Fred J. Barnett**, St. Patrick, Laurie; and St. Philip Benizi, Versailles (2011)

## Junior High Religion Teacher Needed



St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City is seeking a full-time, junior high religion teacher for the 21-22 school year. To be considered, applicants must be practicing Catholics with a strong understanding of the doctrine and spirituality of the Catholic faith. A degree or background in theology and education are preferred. This teacher will work with students from 6th-8th grade and will also co-coordinate retreats and activities for the 8th-grade class. Contact Spencer Allen at [sallen@sjcs mo.org](mailto:sallen@sjcs mo.org).

## Position Openings - Chancery Office



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City has the following positions open in the Jefferson City office at 2207 West Main Street:

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## Contemplative Outreach United in Prayer Day

**DATE: March 20**  
**TIME: 9 am - 12:30 pm**

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri (COCEMO) is hosting its annual United in Prayer Day on March 20.

This will be an online event via Zoom.

Father Matthew Flatley, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Hannibal and St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra, will be the featured presenter.

This prayer gathering is for anyone interested in learning about Contemplative Prayer

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or who actively practices silent prayer forms such as Centering Prayer.

Register on the COCEMO

website at [cocemo.org](http://cocemo.org).

Registered attendees will receive a meeting invitation by email prior to March 20.

## Shawn Carney to visit Columbia March 23

**DATE: March 23**  
**TIME: 4 pm**

Shawn Carney, president and CEO of the International 40 Days for Life organization,

is scheduled to visit the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road in Columbia, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

[40daysforlife.com/columbiamo](http://40daysforlife.com/columbiamo)

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# Church leaders urge Senate to reject 'Equality Act,' H.R. 5

**U.S. House passes it, 224-206**

**Bishops say it would discriminate against people of faith, punish faith-based organizations**

By Julie Asher

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

The U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives passed H.R. 5, known as the "Equality Act," in a 224-206 vote Feb. 25.

A couple days ahead of the vote, the chairmen of five U.S. bishops' committees said its mandates will "discriminate against people of faith" by adversely affecting charities and their beneficiaries, conscience

rights, women's sports, "and sex-specific facilities."

The bill also would provide for taxpayer funding of abortion and limit freedom of speech, the chairmen said in a Feb. 23 letter to all members of Congress.

H.R. 5 amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, the credit system and jury duty.

"Human dignity is central to what Catholics believe because every person is made in the image of God and should

be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion," they said. "This commitment is reflected in the Church's charitable service to all people, without regard to race, religion or any other characteristic."

"It means we need to honor every person's right to gainful employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive," they continued. "It also means that people of differing beliefs should be respected. In this, we wholeheartedly support nondiscrimination principles to ensure that everyone's rights are protected."

H.R. 5 "purports to protect

people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding 'gender' on individuals and organizations," they said.

"This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting 'gender' as only a social construct," they said. "As Pope Francis has reflected, however, 'biological sex and the sociocultural role of sex — gender — can be distinguished but not separated.'"

"It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness

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## Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.



## Intención del mes de marzo del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Que a través del ejemplo e intercesión de San José, esposo de María, reine en nuestros corazones una noble disposición que de paso a la caridad, reconciliación y misericordia en nuestras vidas.

*Please be so kind as to make this a part of your group and private prayer.*



## Bishop McKnight's Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

### MARCH

- Mar. 6** Mass, 5:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 7** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Lawrence Parish, St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, St. Anthony, 2 pm, St. Lawrence Church, St. Elizabeth
- Mar. 9** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Mary Parish, Glasgow and St. Joseph Parish, Slater, 6:30 pm, St. Mary Church, Glasgow
- Mar. 10** St. Joseph Novena, noon, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 11** Helias Catholic High School Board of Directors Meeting, 10 am, Virtual
- Mar. 13** First Cohort of Stewardship Parishes Meeting, 10 am, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City
- Mar. 16** Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, 2 pm, Virtual; Confirmation Ceremony, St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend, 6:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 18** St. Joseph Novena, noon, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 19** Mass of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, 8 am, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 20** Day of Prayer Vocations Closing Mass, 5:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Mar. 21** Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Edina and St. John Parish, Memphis, 9 am, St. Joseph Church, Edina
- Mar. 22** Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Executive Committee Board Meeting, 1 pm, Virtual
- Mar. 23-25** Visit Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary, Columbus, Ohio





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Bishop of Jefferson City*

### ADORATION

8:30 AM - 5:15 PM

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8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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### TILMA WORKSHOPS

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*Both workshops are in English and Spanish.*



IMAGE: WIKI COMMONS



# An important milestone in the quest to become Catholic

**Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion draws people from throughout the diocese**

**Personal stories of the journey abound**

By Jay Nies

Jane Weiland is counting down the days to when she'll get to receive Holy Communion with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren at St. Joseph Church in Fayette.

"Having all the family in church together is an earlier heaven," she stated. "It really is."

Mrs. Weiland is one of the people preparing for Easter Sacraments of Initiation who joined Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City Feb. 21 for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.

Held in cathedrals throughout the world on the First Sunday of Lent, it is a significant milestone toward becoming committed, active members of the Catholic Church.

The elect are seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Candidates, who have already been baptized, hope to receive First Communion and Confirmation.

They've all been preparing for several months — some for even longer — through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The RCIA is a restoration of the catechumenate, the communal process through which people were prepared to become Christian in the early Church.

As part of the ceremony, Bishop McKnight compiled the names of those seeking baptism into the Book of the Elect.

He urged the elect and candidates to spend the rest of Lent pursuing repentance and deeper conversion with the support of the Church.

"God is always faithful to those he calls," the bishop told those gathered. "Now it is your duty, as it is ours, both to be faithful to Him in return and



People preparing for baptism at Easter gather with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City during the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on Feb. 21. — Photos by Jay Nies

to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth, which your election opens up before you."

For the sake of everyone's health and safety, only the

versal Roman Catholic Church throughout the world," he said.

### "We are honored"

Many who become Catholic are drawn by the example of family, friends, coworkers and other people they encounter in everyday life.

"We are honored that God has touched your life in some way and that you have found our Church to be the place you desire to call your spiritual home," Bishop McKnight told the assembly.

He likened these final weeks of preparation to the 40 days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert before embarking on His public ministry.

"This period of purification and enlight-

enment prepares your soul by clearing from it all the enticements and attachments to sin, so that you can open yourselves up completely to the will of God and the gift of His Holy Spirit," Bishop McKnight stated in his homily.

He said that the entire local Church welcomes the candidates and elect and rejoices that they have encountered God in the world in spite of the evils that are present in it.

"We celebrate that you, too, will become another light of Christ in a world so desperately in need of Jesus's love," he said. "And we look forward to you experiencing the joy of receiving Holy Communion for the

first time at this Easter Vigil."

### "You're welcome"

Candidate Andrew Cowherd called his wife right after the ceremony.

"I told her it was great, a wonderful experience," he said.

He had never been to the Cathedral or seen a bishop in person before.

"We've talked about the organization of the Church, but I never knew what the bishop looked like or heard him speak," said Mr. Cowherd, who will be a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Boonville.

"I liked getting to hear his welcome," he said. "It's really nice to have someone say, 'We're glad you're here, and thank you for all you've done to make it this far.'"

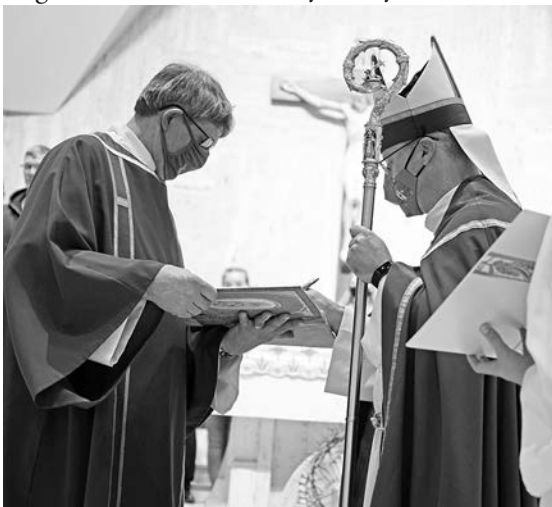
Mr. Cowherd grew up in Boonville in a devoutly Christian household with supportive parents.

They went to church every Sunday.

The few times he attended Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul left him puzzled.

"I had never seen a kneeler

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Bishop W. Shawn McKnight signs the Book of the Elect, containing the names of the people who are preparing to receive Baptism in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Assisting him is Deacon James Haaf of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk.

candidates and elect, their sponsors and godparents and members of their parish RCIA teams attended the Rite of Election this year.

The people wore facemasks and sat in alternating rows.

Bishop McKnight noted in his homily that Catholics are in communion with their bishop, who in turn is in communion with all the other bishops throughout the world, who are also in communion with and under the successor of St. Peter, the Pope.

"Today, in Catholic fashion, we manifest the fact that those who will receive the Easter Sacraments join not just their local parish but the whole Uni-

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## Priest in Kenya Partners With Cross Catholic Outreach To Provide Poor With Safe Water

After more than 30 years in the priesthood, Father Fabian's passion for sharing God's mercy has only grown stronger. Originally from Ghana, he was first sent to Kenya by the Society of African Missionaries in 2002. It was there he discovered one of his life's greatest callings: bringing water to people who had none.

"That is one of my biggest dreams. Everyone should have access to clean and good water," Fr. Fabian said.

"Fr. Fabian has asked Cross Catholic Outreach to join him in an ambitious plan to bring safe water to a 275-mile stretch of land shared by the Diocese of Machakos and Archdiocese of Mombasa," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "We have completed six water systems so far, blessing about 50,724 people in the region, and we hope to bring safe water to 10 additional communities in the months ahead."



Over the course of six years, Fr. Fabian has collaborated with Cross Catholic Outreach to complete water system projects for 83,000 people in 27 villages throughout the Diocese of Lodwar. More recently, through the Good Samaritan Water Sanitation Services nonprofit he created to expand his mission, other water projects are being undertaken to benefit the poor in other Catholic dioceses. [See story on opposite page.]

When Fr. Fabian first enters a new community to assess its situation, he begins by asking a simple question.

"You start by asking, 'What do you need?'" Fr. Fabian says. "Most of the time water is the first on their list."

According to Fr. Fabian, meeting a community's most critical need — water — is the perfect way to share the love of God. One benefit is the way Fr. Fabian works through local

parishes, empowering priests to care for their communities by overseeing water projects and appointing village water committees. This strengthens the relationship between the people and their parish, and many experience a deeper understanding of the abundant life that is available to them in Christ.

Many immediate benefits become apparent once communities gain access to clean water. Improved health and restored faith are often two of the first blessings to reveal themselves.

"It saves the lives of most of these children. It also helps the spirituality of the people, giving them time to go to church," Fr. Fabian explained. "Priests call thanking you, saying, 'You can't imagine how many people are attending Mass!'"



Fr. Fabian was appalled by the muddy water sources families were using, and he sought help from Cross Catholic Outreach to drill wells and install improved water systems. Working together, they hope to expand these efforts even more this year.

There are other spiritual blessings that come from these projects too. According to Jim Cavnar, U.S. Catholics who help fund the work through Cross Catholic Outreach often share their enthusiasm for supporting mission work and say the experience

gives them a greater appreciation for the impact of Catholic charity.

"Most American Catholics want to be more involved in helping the poor in developing countries, but they want to do something specific and meaningful like this," said Cavnar. "I'm sure they will rally to help Fr. Fabian with the work he has planned — and that they will be blessed by the experience if they do."

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach water programs and other outreaches to the poor can contribute through the ministry brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC1648, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The ministry has a special need for partners willing to make gifts on a monthly basis. Use the inserted brochure to become a Mission Partner or write "Monthly Mission Partner" on mailed checks to be contacted about setting up those arrangements.

## Legacy Giving Provides Catholics With Unique Opportunity To Bless Others

If you are like many Catholics born in the 1950s or before, you have probably begun to think about the spiritual legacy your life and actions represent. What did we care about? What did we value? These are some of the things we hope will be remembered.

Hopefully influencing their family and others they cherish," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, an official Catholic relief and development charity with staff dedicated to such estate planning.

According to Cavnar, Cross Catholic Outreach has helped many Catholics establish these legacy gifts and expects them to play a significant role in future ministry missions.

"A will or trust can also reflect a person's special heart for a country or for an area of need. It can be used to

build houses for poor families or to build classrooms to educate children, for example," Cavnar said. "Others simply want to help the poorest of the poor and make their legacy gift for that purpose. It's their way of saying, 'As a Catholic, I value life and support works of mercy. I want my family to understand that calling and believe in it too.' And because legacy gifts can be quite large, they often achieve incredible things. A single one might build an entire school or fund the construction of hundreds of homes. It's producing an amazing

impact and serves as an incredible testament to the faith of the giver."

In addition to this service, Cross Catholic Outreach's staff can also support donors seeking to establish a charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust or special endowment. Financial planners can also obtain information to help those who seek professional counsel or have donor-advised funds.

To learn more about these services, the charity recommends readers visit its special online portal at [CrossCatholicLegacy.org](http://CrossCatholicLegacy.org).

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# U.S. Catholics Are Blessing the Poor in Kenya by Addressing Their Urgent Need for Safe Water

Gladys Mghoi is helping to raise her grandchildren in Mokine, a small village situated in the Archdiocese of Mombasa. Every morning, she wakes up at around 4 a.m. to start the long and arduous process of collecting water for the day.

“In Gladys’ simple home, there is no tap to turn to get a supply of water. She lives in an impoverished village, and like most everyone else there, she must travel to a distant source to get the water her family needs,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a leading relief and development charity assisting Catholic missions in Africa. “It’s tragic, but water scarcity is common in many parts of Kenya. People in remote areas tend to be desperately poor, and their villages have no infrastructure to supply water. To get what they need to survive, they face a lot of hardships.”

In Gladys’ case, quenching the thirst of her grandchildren means a walk of nearly 2 miles to a dry riverbed. There, villagers have dug a hole that allows water to seep up from the ground. It is a slow process, so Gladys and the others who come to the spot often have to wait in line more than an hour to fill their containers with muddy water from the pit.

The walk home with this “reward” is also a challenge because the jerrycan she uses can become very heavy when it is full.

Because of Gladys’ age and health, her older grandchildren usually assist with this exhausting process. When they do, it disadvantages the family again. Water collection often takes so long the children either arrive late to class or miss school altogether.

According to Cavnar, solving the water scarcity problem is a priority for Cross Catholic Outreach because a lack of clean water has a negative impact in so many areas of a poor family’s life.

“One of our biggest concerns is the poor quality of the water they currently collect,” he said. “The muddy stuff is often tainted with bacteria, parasites and the chemical runoff from local farms.”

Gladys is aware of this threat too, but since there is no alternative, she sees no other way to proceed.

“We collect water which is very, very dirty, and then it will become very difficult for us and very unhealthy for our consumption,” Gladys admitted. “This water is very dirty. It is very murky. At the same time, because we have no option, we have to drink it the way it is.”

As bleak as this situation may seem, Gladys and her neighbors have a reason to feel hopeful. A local priest has become



*Gladys Mghoi and her grandchildren face tremendous challenges obtaining their daily water supply. They currently walk far to collect contaminated water — because they have no other option. With the help of the Church, this hardship can end.*



aware of the village’s hardships and is working to provide relief through a partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach. [See story on opposite page.] If this project is successful, the challenges she faces in collecting water may soon be over.

“Our goal now is to get the financial backing of U.S. Catholics to fund this special project,” Cavnar said. “If they respond generously, and I believe they will, we can ensure Gladys and her grandchildren have safe water to drink for many years to come.”

Addressing specific needs like this is what Cross Catholic Outreach was

founded to accomplish. For nearly 20 years, the Catholic ministry has partnered with a local Catholic priest, religious sisters or missions to solve the problems of the poor.

“U.S. Catholics have been very interested in helping the poor using our approach because they like funding specific needs and supporting the local Catholic clergy,” Cavnar said. “They want their donated dollars to have a profound and lasting impact, so water projects are the kind of outreach they like best. Providing safe water addresses many needs — from quenching thirst to restoring health to supporting educational goals. In this case, it will also bring long-awaited relief to precious people like Gladys.”

The grandmother confirmed that fact

as she explained yet another reason she sees the proposed water project as a blessing.

“It is not very safe for me to collect water as an elderly person, but since there is no alternative, we have to risk our lives,” Gladys explained. “Sometimes because of my weakness, I can fall down. Sometimes there are also wild animals [such as] hyenas in the area.”

These risks will also be eliminated when the water project is completed.

“I can’t imagine the joy Gladys will feel when that tap is installed and the clean water flows freely. But I do know one thing — she and the others in her community will praise God,” Cavnar said. “And what a joy it will be for us too. There’s nothing more gratifying than serving as instruments of God’s mercy!”

## How to Help

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## QUESTION CORNER

## Does Holy Name Society still exist? / Praying for all the dead

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. Some of my fondest memories of parenthood include attending, in the 1960s, Mass and a breakfast meeting afterward with my four sons that was sponsored by an organization called the Holy Name Society. It seemed to me an effective way to involve parish families in worship and fellowship. (My boys developed the term "Holy Name Eggs" for the concoction of bacon bits and scrambled eggs that was served.) Does such an organization still exist; and if not, what caused its demise? Could it and should it be revived? (Minong, Wisconsin)**

A. The Holy Name Society does still exist, although its numbers have dropped over recent decades. An article a few years back in the Baltimore archdiocesan news outlet *The Catholic Review* noted that, whereas once the society listed 40,000 members within the archdiocese, membership in 2012 numbered some 700, with chapters in 30 parishes.

The society was founded in the late 13th century, when Pope Gregory X commissioned a Dominican preacher named John of Vercelli to encourage respect and devotion to the name of Christ to combat a heresy of the time that held that Jesus was not divine.

The society's agenda broadened over the years to include promoting the spread of the Gospel message, pledging a life of personal prayer, raising funds for Catholic education and encouraging the corporal works of mercy, especially by feeding the poor and finding shelter for the homeless. Although founded initially as a male fraternity, in many parts of the U.S. the society has opened its membership to women in recent years.

**Q. I have often heard in church the prayer which goes, "May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace." It has caused me to wonder why we pray only for the souls of the faithful departed. Shouldn't we also pray for the souls of those who may have struggled with their faith or who may never have had the opportunity to learn about God? Could we pray instead for "the souls of all the departed children of God," rather than focusing only on those who were faithful? (Indianapolis)**

A. I couldn't agree more: We should pray for all those who have passed from this life into eternity. And we do. Prompted by your question, I decided to take a closer look at the four eucharistic prayers for the Mass, one of which is commonly selected for use at parish Masses — and I think you will be comforted by the language.

In each of the four prayers there is a section that commemorates the deceased. The first eucharistic prayer, I would agree, could be used to bolster your contention; that text says, "Remember also, Lord, Your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace."

But the other three eucharistic prayers are more clear that the prayer is universal in scope. The second one says, "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in Your mercy; welcome them into the light of Your face."

The third reads, "To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to You at their passing from this life,

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## Papal Audience

March 3, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider how our prayer leads us into the life of the Holy Trinity, into the eternal mystery of God's love, which is the source and joy of the entire universe. Jesus Himself revealed this path for us by taking on our flesh and revealing the Father's infinite love. By His paschal mystery, He opened for us the gates of heaven and by the gift of the Holy Spirit He has given us a share in His own filial relationship to the Father. Conscious of our unworthiness of so great a gift, we, like the disciples, can cry out "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches us not only the words to use in prayer, but shows us the boundless mercy of the Father, Who embraces His prodigal children and goes freely in search of every lost sheep. May our prayer awaken in us the consciousness of our lofty vocation in Christ and draw us ever more fully into the loving communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. May our Lenten journey bring us to the joy of Easter with hearts purified and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



## Tim Francis to livestream two-part presentation on miracles

**DATE: March 10, 11**  
**TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

In faith, Ralph Voss has always believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Now, thanks to Tim Francis, founder of You Shall Believe Ministries ([youshallbelieve.com](http://youshallbelieve.com)), he has seen what he believes.

"We are urged to spread the Good News," stated Mr. Voss, a member of St. George parish in Linn. "Does the news get any better than this? Christ has been with us for 20 centuries and is still with us and is physically present in Catholic churches around the world, waiting for us to accept Him into our hearts."

Mr. Francis, a "reverted" Catholic and renowned investigator of Eucharistic miracles,

will share his story along with compelling video footage during two livestreamed presentations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11.

He will give a live presentation titled, "Signs from God: Miracles and Their Meaning," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. both evenings.

The event is cosponsored by St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit, St. George parish in Linn, St. Michael Parish in Russellville, St. Stanislaus parish in Wardsville and others.

Mr. Francis will offer commentary to stunning film clips, including:

- a statue of Christ weeping human tears and bleeding human blood;
- multiple Holy Communion hosts that turned into human heart tissue during Mass; and

• a woman being filmed and tested before, during and after Stigmata.

He will also address the meaning of suffering, remaining Catholic, Sacramental Confession and other topics.

Mr. Francis has conducted more than 500 parish missions conveying the meaning of the miracles and a better understanding about Jesus being truly present in the Eucharist.

His quest for truth and verifiable scientific evidence of claims of Eucharistic miracles led him back to being Catholic after bottoming out with drug addiction and becoming active in another Christian faith community.

Mr. Voss has attended several of Mr. Francis's presentations.

"Christ has always wanted us to believe in Him," Mr. Voss noted. "With the evidence from these Eucharistic miracles, isn't Christ making it easier for all of us to believe?"

A limited number of viewers can be accommodated for each presentation.

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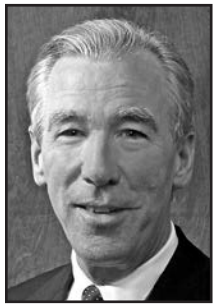
### Prayer for a Communion of Desire

My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I de-sire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



## The resurrection of the body

By John Garvey  
Catholic News Service



Our students are back on campus, and it has been a breath of fresh air. We asked them to quarantine for the first two weeks of the semester, since they were coming from all parts of the country and some of them would undoubtedly be shedding the virus.

During this period, we conducted classes by Zoom. Last Monday, I met my students in person for the first time. They are freshmen, and I have known them only as little electronic images on my office computer.

We are observing all the COVID-19 proprieties. Desks are six feet apart. Everyone wears a mask. I even have a free-standing plexiglass sneeze guard that I can stand behind. It makes me feel like I'm in an aquarium.

When the students filed into class,

they looked different from what I had imagined they would. Several were much taller. A few got dressed up for the occasion. There was a warmth to the gathering as many of them also met in person for the first time.

It's not yet like former days. Though some of them are cute, face masks are a real barrier to interpersonal relations. Bank robbers wear them because they make it hard to identify people. So too with my class. It took me several days to recognize students just by their eyes and hair.

And it's still hard to tell what they are thinking. We have begun to apprehend that people on the autism spectrum communicate and read facial expressions differently from neurotypical people. This often leads to misunderstanding in both directions. Masks make reading faces nearly impossible, not just difficult.

For those of us with glasses, it's even harder. Mine fog up when they're inside my mask. Then there's no seeing in or out.

And of course, nobody touches these days. Hugs may have stopped when Joe

Biden's critics went after him in 2019. But in the time of COVID-19, we can't even shake hands. That has been a hard habit for me to break. I can't get into elbow bumps or the Vulcan salute.

So we're not all the way back, but our return to something approximating in-person instruction has been a kind of mini-resurrection. The university and its people have, as it were, come back to life. And it has been a reminder that our bodies are an essential part of what it means to be human.

Our prolonged time online has naturally focused attention on developments in artificial intelligence. We have taught machines to learn on their own and have begun to wonder whether computers, some time soon, might pass the Turing test (i.e., exhibit intelligent behavior indistinguishable from a human's).

I have my doubts about the prospects for success. But even if a computer could fool me, it would not be human. A human being is a bodily self, not, in Gilbert

Ryle's phrase, a ghost in the machine. We come into being when a sperm fertilizes an oocyte. We die when the organism ceases to be.

We don't just communicate with words and symbols. We relate to one another through smiles and frowns, squints, raised eyebrows, inclination of the head, touches, hugs.

Lent prepares us for celebration of the day when Christ was resurrected bodily. And His resurrection made possible our own. It is an article of faith with Christians that we believe in "the resurrection of the body." It has been so pleasant to interact with real students in class, live and in person, even with the necessary restrictions. I can hardly imagine what it will be like on that happy day foreseen in the creed.

*Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Follow him on Twitter @CatholicPres. Catholic University's website is www.cua.edu.*

## Lent's promise in bleak times

By Elise Italiano Ureneck  
Catholic News Service



During a homily this past Advent, my pastor referenced the 19th-century poem "In the Bleak Midwinter" by English poet Christina Rossetti. He spoke about its perennial relevance for Catholics living in New England: Each year at Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation, which is the subject of the poem.

But at Christmas we also find ourselves preparing for midwinter, the half-marathon marker of the long, winter season that starts a few weeks before Thanksgiving and doesn't let up until April (though that month is often marked by one final blizzard).

Rossetti aptly describes this desolate season: "In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan/ Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone/ Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow."

Having just survived back-to-back snowstorms and now preparing for a few weeks of below-freezing temperatures, bleak doesn't begin to cover how I feel being cooped up in an apartment with a caged-in 15-month-old. My recent Amazon search history has been exclusively dedicated to indoor play gyms, though we lack the space for them. A bleak Catch-22.

But this midwinter feels bleak for more serious reasons. We're suspended

between the availability of a vaccine and the distribution of it to the masses. We can almost make out the finish line of the pandemic, yet we anticipate that hundreds of thousands of people will lose their lives before spring.

We watch news crawlers tick off peripheral casualties of the pandemic: teens facing dangerous levels of anxiety, depression and suicide; business owners losing their livelihoods; families being evicted from their homes.

Our political, cultural and ecclesial landscape all feel equally bleak. Despite calls for unity and healing, polarization persists in our discourse, political dealings and even in our Church's leadership. We all seem to be enslaved to what Harvard professor Arthur Brooks calls the "outrage industrial complex" — that web of cable news and social media that keeps us angry, fearful and pointing fingers — and which profits off of our miserable dealings with one another.

It's a batten-down-the-hatches kind of winter. But that prospect and posture is hard to face, given that many of us are running on physical and emotional fumes. Spring feels like light-years away.

Perhaps it's a blessing, then, that the Church gives us Lent in midwinter. It's a season of soul-searching; the gray skies give us no other choice but to turn inward and examine the dark spaces we'd rather not explore.

Despite the ashes and calls for repentance, I have never found Lent to be a frosty, bitter season. The days get longer

### REFLECTION

## Fixing a broken home

By Mark Saucier

We have a house for people coming out of prison with an addiction history. Like its residents, the old structure is broken and in need of repair.

It's a place where, when you start to work on the floor, the ceiling buckles. The walls undulate, corners are obtuse, and the electrical was done by committee.

I've been spending days there with another member of the board, remodeling a bathroom. In our hours together, cutting and recutting, figuring work-arounds, we've shared our stories.

I cheated, learning so much more from his.

He is biracial and was bullied and beaten in school. Life wasn't easier at home with a father, a veteran of Korea and Vietnam, erupting with PTSD.

What was missing, he sought in drugs. It gave him an escape from the brutality of the day-to-day, and some semblance of belonging among other users.

He met his wife through drugs, and their early time together is still somewhat a haze. He had week-long binges, but he never lost his job because he was a talented machinist and because management feared what he'd do in a rage if fired.

It took over 20 years, getting thrown out by his recovering wife, nearly killing himself, and finally finding faith in a promise of forgiveness and healing to break the chains.

It took more strength than he had, but he found that in his wife and his God, neither of whom abandoned him in the darkest days.

His current sobriety is a path of submission, service and prayer.

That's backstory. The amazing thing is what this drug addict is doing for others.

His gift to our ministry is more than maintenance. He leads classes on recovery, Scripture, and dysfunctional families. He counsels and mentors.

His alarm is set for 4:30, but he will be at the house until 10 or 11 at night if a crisis demands it.

Once a week, he meets with men with PTSD. He has no formal training, but comes to it, like everything else, with the Word on his lips and love in his heart.

Whether it is a wall too bowed for sheetrock or a young man too stubborn to surrender to rules, he is gentle, persistent, looking for the best outcome.

He can do tough love, but it is toughest on him.

Abraham Heschel said, "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people."

The old rabbi would have loved my friend.

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# 40 Days for Life co-coordinator extols value of prayer, persistence

**Urges Fourth Degree Knights to spend time on the sidewalk and in Adoration**

By Jay Nies

A woman Kathy Forck had never met stopped her after Mass at the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia to thank her for her grandchild.

The woman's daughter who was pregnant at a difficult time had insisted on going to Planned Parenthood in Columbia for an abortion.

"And yet, when she went up there, as she told her parents, 'There were PEOPLE out there praying, and I just couldn't do it,'" said Mrs. Forck, co-coordinator of the Columbia 40 Days for Life Campaign ([40daysforlife.com/columbiamo](http://40daysforlife.com/columbiamo)).

"And now this woman and man have a beautiful grandchild," she stated.

Such an encounter at church has happened not once but twice for Mrs. Forck since she and a growing group of prayer warriors took to the sidewalk outside the place where about 800 abortions per year were performed in 2009.

"When people are on the sidewalk praying, up to 75 percent of the abortion appointments are canceled," she noted quoting Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director.

Mrs. Forck was the featured speaker at the February dinner meeting of Knights of Columbus Dan C. Coppin Fourth Degree Assembly 573 in Jefferson City.

She thanked all the members who take part in the sidewalk vigils in Columbia, and encouraged others to spend time on the sidewalk during the current 40 Days for Life campaign, which continues through March 28.

"Joe Scheidler, godfather of the pro-life movement, would say, 'Every day, do something pro-life,'" she declared. "So I encourage you: Every day, do something. Say a prayer. Go up to Planned Parenthood. Stand on that sidewalk. Once you do that, you'll never be the same."

She pointed out that the number of induced abortions in Missouri had fallen from about 11,000 in 2008 to a documented 39 in 2020.

"Thirty-nine precious babies lost," she said. "But that number



**Kathy Forck, co-coordinator for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Campaign, addresses members of Knights of Columbus Dan C. Coppin Fourth Degree Assembly 573 in Jefferson City. She urged everyone to do something pro-life every day. Her husband, co-coordinator Mike Forck, is listening at the left.**

— Photo by Jay Nies

— down from 11,000, with 800 of them right here in our diocese — shows how God has worked through you!"

She also thanked her fellow front-line prayer warriors in the assembly, as well as those who pray from home, and those who take special hours to pray in Adoration and offer Masses for this intention.

Mrs. Forck and her husband Mike have been active in pro-life advocacy since shortly after they got married 13 years ago.

She talked about a woman she knew well, who bucked her doctor's advice that pregnancy was too risky for her and said "no" to his offer of abortion.

"Not only did she give birth to that baby, but to seven more!" said Mrs. Forck. "She was Planned Parenthood's greatest nightmare!"

"Her example all through the

years that ALL babies are precious — that's why I do what I do," said Mrs. Forck. "They're ALL blessings. And life is worth GIVING, even at the risk of your own."

Mrs. Forck talked about how the Holy Spirit had led her to Columbia to offer prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood, to the women who were there for abortions because they thought they had no other choice.

She began praying on the sidewalk in the cold and sharing information about My Life Clinic, the pro-life pregnancy resource center across the street.

Quickly, as could only happen as they were led by the Holy Spirit, people started joining her. Then came 40 Days for Life, and the beginning of the end of abortion facilities in Missouri.

The persistent prayerful pres-

ence, the proliferation of pro-life alternatives and the enactment of stronger state medical requirements and stepped-up enforcement for abortion facilities spelled an end to abortions at the Columbia Planned Parenthood.

But employees there still do abortion referrals for the clinic in Overland Park, Kansas.

"So we're not going anywhere," said Mrs. Forck. "We're going to be out there praying until that place actually closes and referrals for abortions cease."

Through prayer, action, education and advocacy, Missouri is close to becoming the nation's first abortion-facility-free state.

"We have trained women and men on the sidewalk who talk to these women and young teens coming to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test," said Mrs. Forck. "And we send them to My Life Clinic in Columbia or to wherever they need to go to keep their baby."

She noted that there are now four times as many pregnancy help centers in this country than Planned Parenthood abortion clinics.

She implored everyone in her audience to take a public stand for life.

"Dare to tell the truth to your children and your grandchildren," she said. "Go to Eucharistic Adoration. Pray for the end of this horrible thing called abortion."

"I truly believe it will end," she stated. "But we have to work at it. We have to be vigilant! And in the end, it's all God's work."

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# Encountering Christ through Mary to be focus of March 20 Day of Prayer for Vocations in Cathedral

**Bilingual event to draw upon the power of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

By Jay Nies

Scott Watts has some advice for people who attend the Jefferson City diocese's third annual Day of Prayer for Vocations on Saturday, March 20, in Jefferson City.

Plan on being part of something incredible.

"Allow God to surprise you!" said Mr. Watts, keynote presenter for the event. "And be confident that He will do that."

The Day of Prayer will be held from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 Main St. in Jefferson City, and in the Cathedral Undercroft.

The theme will be: "Encounter Jesus Under the Mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe."

"People who show up are going to see miracles," said Mr. Watts. "Their relationship with Mother Mary is going to be changed forever."

"They're going to realize that the spiritual and mystical realities that we read about in the Scriptures are happening now, and they're happening super-abundantly, and they're happening through regular people," he said.

The event will open and close with Mass at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Cathedral.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mr. Watts will give workshops in English and Spanish at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Undercroft.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will preside at the closing Mass, which will be offered in English and Spanish.

**"Look out, Missouri!"**

Mr. Watts' presentations

are dynamic, uplifting, entertaining and very accessible.

Participants will not only hear the stories of St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe like never before, but will gaze upon life-size images of Our Lady's miraculous image and touch items that tie in with it.

"This is exciting!" said Mr. Watts. "This is life. This is eternity. This is learning how the Lord is desiring to encounter you in a thoroughly compelling new way."

Millions of conversions to Catholic Christianity have been attributed to the Blessed Mother's miraculous apparitions to St. Juan Diego near present-day Mexico City in 1531.

The longing for all people to be reconciled with her Son and to "do whatever He tells you" continues to burn in Mary's Immaculate Heart.

"If people come and are truly receptive to this message — then look out, Missouri!" said Mr. Watts. "These people

But the main ministry is of presence, encounter and discovering Jesus in the poorest of the poor.

"Boy do we have stories!" said Mr. Watts. "Stories of miracles, of healings, of conversions, of being delivered from addictions. Amazing, honest-to-goodness miracles."

**"Little Doctor"**

Mr. Watts is a Catholic convert. He thought he might have a priestly calling but left the seminary to pursue lifesaving work as a first responder.

He had just earned his certification and gone to work on an ambulance team when his best friend invited him to join a newly formed missionary outreach.

There was no job description, and he would have to raise his own money.

"Between a 26-hour and an 18-hour shift at an ambulance station, I hopped a plane to Mexico for five days," he recalled.

He visited a community of about 1,000 people living in a trash dump on the outskirts of Mexico City.

He put his medical and theological training to work, treating about 50 people's wounds and earning the name, "Doctorito" — "Little Doctor."

"I was standing with my medical kit on top of a five-story-tall mountain of garbage, having helped tons of people and prayed with them and handed out clothing and shoes and ministering alongside people who used to live there," he recalled.

There were wild dogs everywhere. He was shaking cockroaches out of his shoes while walking past used sy-



Scott Watts stands beside a life-size replica of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ringes and other vestiges of human misery.

"And I felt a peace and joy that I had never felt anywhere," he said. "I knew this was for me."

With only enough money in the bank for a month's rent, he quit his job, started fund-raising to pay his way and began leading mission trips back to Mexico.

These would include pilgrimages to the nearby Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where millions of people every year go to see the miraculous image of Our Lady.

"Through the combination of learning the basics of the story and taking people on the tour of the basilica and Tepeyac Hill, along with spending a lot of time in prayer and studying voraciously — I came to be seen as an expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe," he said.

**Salt and light**

Mr. Watts brings a clear sense of urgency, immediacy and relevance to his presentations, focusing on helping people discover God's plans for them.

"Being this crazy musician, former firefighter-type of guy helps me look at things differently and inject humor and humanity and relatability into the story," he said.

He draws on transcripts of

St. Juan Diego's personal recollections of his encounters with the Blessed Mother, as well as scientific evidence about the miraculous image.

"The words Our Lady spoke back then are still speaking to us today in a very relevant way," Mr. Watts insisted.

He believes devotion to the Blessed Mother is an important key to promoting all vocations in the Church, because she always leads people to Jesus.

In the case of St. Juan Diego, she chose to share her message with a poor, indigent man who at first would not be believed.

"She told him, 'I have no shortage of people to call on, but it is important to me for you, my son, my dearest lad, to carry out this mission, and God will give you sufficient grace to carry it out,'" Mr. Watts noted.

"And from all of that came the largest conversion in recorded history," he said.

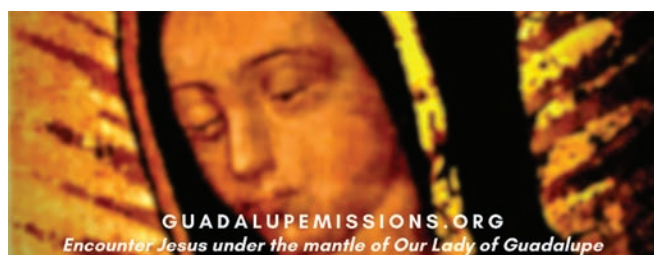
The same kinds of encounters are still happening. People who were lukewarm now burn with the fire of Christ's love and the desire to be saints.

"It may sound super-awkward if you ever say 'Saint' before your own name, but being a saint is the only way you're getting to heaven," said Mr. Watts.

He advised parents who want that for themselves and their children to do whatever it takes to get them to this day of prayer.

"You will encounter Jesus in this mission," he said. "If you come with even a little bit of openness of heart, you're going to get what Our Lady wants you to have. She's going to bring you into an encounter with Jesus."

That encounter will help people become salt and light for a world that's becoming



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are going to be a bright light shining on a hill."

Mr. Watts is a lay missionary with a nonprofit organization called Hope of the Poor and is founder of Guadalupe Missions, a branch of that organization.

He leads retreats and mission trips to poverty-ravaged locales in the United States and abroad, giving material and spiritual help to people in need.

"We've gotten people off the streets," he said. "We get kids school uniforms, feed hungry people, and get them shoes and medical attention."

# Bishop surveys progress on new Catholic Charities hub of charity

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight stood at the entrance to the former La Salette Seminary Chapel, looking down at the new foundation walls that will become a 4,000-square-foot food pantry warehouse.

He later placed his hands on the Carthage marble flagstones in what was once the sanctuary and will soon become a small chapel.

"The imagination and creativity to envision all of this and to accomplish it is pretty amazing," he said.

It was his first time back in the future headquarters for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) since Jan. 31, 2020, when he helped kick off the "Open Hearts, Open Doors" renovation campaign.

Joining him during this visit were LeAnn Korsmeyer, diocesan director of parish and charitable services; CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester; members of the construction team; CCCNMO personnel and local media representatives.

Metal studs now define the upstairs spaces that will become medical exam rooms, a large community room and a chapel.

Work on converting the



**LEFT:** The foundation rises on a 4,000-foot expansion of the future new headquarters for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) in Jefferson City. **RIGHT:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight visits with retired local contractor Jim Wisch, a member of the CCCNMO board of directors and the Shikles redevelopment planning committee. The bishop is standing where the altar for the former La Salette Seminary Chapel once stood. — Photos by Jay Nies



downstairs gymnasium to a state-of-the-art food pantry and shower facilities was in

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full motion.

"You're going to have a really nice place here when you're done," one of the construction workers told the bishop.

Signs of life and growth were everywhere.

Bishop McKnight spoke over the sounds of sawing, drilling, grinding and planning.

"I am filled with gratitude," he said. "I see a lot of people coming together and working together to see this construction and expansion project come to fruition.

"I have been overwhelmed by the kind words of encouragement and the joy of volunteers who are looking forward to working here," he stated.

Mr. Lester looked to the past and the future of the building, most recently known as the Shikles Recreation Center.

Catholic Charities bought the facility in 2020 in order to convert it to a new headquarters and a hub of charity and mercy.

"We're trying to maintain as much of the architecture as we can," said Mr. Lester. "We want to bring this building into the modern age while acknowledging the long and storied history it has for folks in this community."

Built in the 1950s, the center stands within view of the State Capitol and in a neighborhood where needs are now abundant.

The completed facility will help meet those needs and many others throughout the diocese.

"This really does give us the capability to do more, along with the space to store

goods for distribution in an emergency anywhere in our 38-county territory," said Mr. Lester.

CCCNMO Development and Outreach Director Cristal Backer talked about expanding the volunteer pool and collaborating with other non-profit agencies in the area.

Retired local contractor

recalled exploring the overgrown buildings and grounds after the seminary closed and before the Jefferson City Housing Authority bought the building.

"And now you're helping to dust it off once again and bring new life in and expand it," Bishop McKnight observed.

Catholic Charities hopes to move into the building in August, shortly after the agency's 10th anniversary.

Mrs. Backer noted that fundraising for the project is ongoing, with two matching grants that basically triples the impact of each gift people make toward the renovation.

Bishop McKnight thanked everyone who's helping with the renovation and all who are "supporting the endeavor through prayers and positivity."

"This Catholic Charities center will allow our hearts and doors to open even wider for those seeking God's healing and mercy," he said.

To contribute to Catholic Charities' "Open Hearts, Open Doors" renovation, visit [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give) or send a check payable to "CCCNMO" to P.O. Box 104626, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4626.

For information about the ongoing renovations or to inquire about naming or donor recognition opportunities, contact Ms. Backer, at 573-635-7719 or [cbacker@cccnmo.org](mailto:cbacker@cccnmo.org), or visit [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org).



**Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Executive Director Dan Lester sports his Catholic Charities-logo hard hat.**

Jim Wisch, a member of the CCCNMO board of directors and the Shikles redevelopment planning committee, can't wait to get this building into service.

"It's going to be very useful," he said.

He's been working at home on stained glass for the chapel. "There will be reminders of the past and the future," he said.

One of the construction workers who grew up nearby

## St. Patrick's Day Mass in Shrine of St. Patrick

**DATE: March 14**  
**TIME: 10:30 am**

The Shrine of St. Patrick will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Sunday, March 14.

The day will begin with Mass at 10:30 a.m.

The Historical Preservation Award will be awarded at

11:30 a.m. to this year's recipient, the late Monsignor Francis O'Duignan, whose vision and perseverance brought the Shrine of St. Patrick to fruition.

Father Robert Fields will accept the award on behalf of Msgr. O' Duignan.

Immediately following Mass, the parish will host a drive-thru roast beef dinner.



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# Messenger

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*With the new availability of COVID-19 vaccines, **there is hope on the horizon for an end to the global pandemic.** In this edition of Messenger, we address your questions about the vaccines from both a Catholic and scientific perspective. Accompanying this printed Messenger is a new episode of our podcast, MCC from the Capitol, in which MCC Executive Director Tyler McClay interviews Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Jefferson City and Dr. Keith Starke, internist and Senior Advisor in the Office of Clinical Excellence at Mercy.*

## A Word from the USCCB: *Can Catholics Take COVID Vaccines?*

**The short answer is yes.** Some Catholics have expressed concerns about taking COVID-19 vaccines because of reports that the vaccines approved for public use in the U.S. have an association with unethical cell lines from aborted fetal tissue used in either the development, production, or testing of the vaccines. On December 11, 2020, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, prepared a memorandum entitled “*Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines.*” In this memorandum, they state “[g]iven the urgency of the current crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified.”

### **Pfizer and Moderna**

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines do not use morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine. Moreover, there are no cells from the unethical cell lines in the vaccines themselves. A confirmatory test employing a commonly-used, but morally compromised, cell line (HEK293) was used to test the effectiveness of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann stated, however, “[i]n view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines. In addition, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against the COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

### **AstraZeneca**

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann stated “[t]he AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing.” Thus, they point out, “[t]he AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if there are alternatives available.” Like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the AstraZeneca vaccine itself does not include cells taken from an aborted child. Rather, cells from the compromised cell lines are stimulated to produce the chemicals necessary for the vaccine. “It is not as if the making of the vaccine required ever more cells from ever more abortions.”

Some may face a situation in which they are only offered the choice of the AstraZeneca or another morally-compromised vaccine. This should not prevent Catholics, however, from getting vaccinated. Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann point out, “[i]t may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others.” “In such a case,” they state, “it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

# Q&A

## ANSWERING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE QUESTIONS.

Medical experts at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services have curated a list of some commonly asked questions and answers about the COVID-19 vaccine. The Q&As below are just a segment of that list — to view more information about COVID-19 vaccines, head to [covidvaccine.mo.gov/facts](https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/facts).

**How do I know that a COVID-19 vaccine will be safe?** America's best medical and research professionals have been working for years on coronavirus vaccines for SARS and MERS. SARS and MERS are different than COVID-19 but belong to the coronavirus family. The lessons learned through those developments are being applied today. Specifically, the effort to develop a COVID-19 vaccine began months ago.

Clinical trials are an important part of determining vaccine safety and efficacy. Currently, Pfizer and Moderna have completed Phase 3 clinical trials involving many thousands of participants. The trials determined the safety and efficacy of the vaccines in thousands of participants. The purpose of clinical trials is to generate scientific data and other information for the Food and Drug Administration to review and base their recommendations on.

Vaccine safety monitoring systems are in place to collect side effect data. If an unexpected adverse event is seen, experts quickly study it further to assess whether it is a true safety concern. Experts then decide whether changes are needed in U.S. vaccine recommendations. This monitoring is critical to help ensure that the benefits continue to outweigh the risks for people who receive vaccines.

**Do I have to get the same vaccine for the first and second doses?**

Yes, patients must receive the same vaccine for both the first and second doses. Your vaccination provider will give you a vaccine card stating the manufacturer name and other critical information you will need for a second dose.

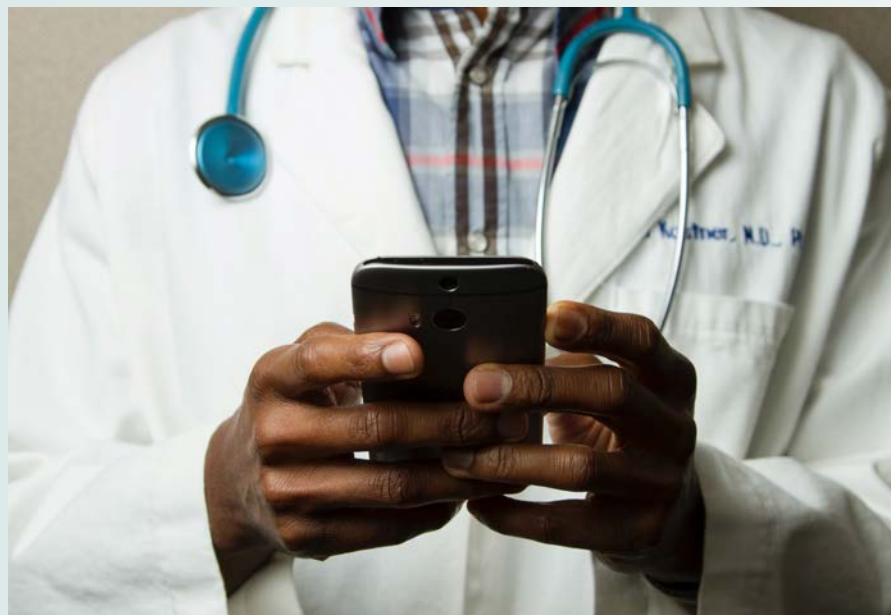
**Who is not recommended for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine?**

Pfizer's vaccine was approved for those age 16 and older. Moderna's vaccine has been approved for those 18 and older.

The vaccines are not recommended for individuals who have experienced a serious reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a prior dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or to any of its components. For information on vaccine components, refer to the manufacturers' package inserts from Pfizer and Moderna.

**What ingredients are used in the COVID-19 vaccines?** The ingredients used in the mRNA vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna are simple. They contain mRNA, as well as lipids to ensure safe delivery of the mRNA that will initiate an immune response. Although FDA approved adjuvants (aluminum salts) and preservatives (ethylmercury) have a history of safe use in vaccines, they were not used by Pfizer and Moderna in this vaccine technology. Additionally, the vaccines do not include fetal tissue.

**What are the possible side effects of a COVID-19 vaccine?** Among vaccine recipients during the Pfizer clinical trials, 8.8% reported



experiencing any reaction they considered to interfere with daily activity; the most common symptoms were fatigue (4.2%), headache (2.4%), muscle pain (1.8%), chills (1.7%), and injection site pain (1.4%). Of note, more people experienced these side effects after the second dose than after the first dose.

Among vaccine recipients during the Moderna clinical trials, 9.1% reported local injection site reaction and 16.5% reported side effects with the most common being fever, headache, fatigue, and muscle aches and pains.

Additionally, no specific safety concerns were identified for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in subgroup analyses by age, race, ethnicity, underlying medical conditions, or previous SARS-CoV-2 infection.

**Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?** No. Every day, a healthy immune system successfully fights off thousands of germs. Antigens are parts of germs that cause the body's immune system to go to work to build antibodies, which fight off diseases. The antigens in vaccines come from the germs themselves, but the germs are weakened or killed so they cannot cause serious illness. Even if people receive several vaccinations in one day, vaccines contain only a tiny fraction of the antigens they encounter every day in their environment. Vaccines stimulate the immune system to produce antibodies to fight off serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Should I continue to wear a mask, social distance, maintain good hygiene, and avoid large gatherings?**

Yes. At this time, it is recommended that even vaccinated individuals practice an abundance of caution by continuing to wear a mask, social distance, wash their hands and avoid large gatherings (especially indoors). We are also unsure how a vaccine will impact quarantine protocols for close contacts.

**Is it safe to get my child vaccinated?** The initial clinical trials did not include children. Pfizer's vaccine has been authorized for emergency use to vaccinate those aged 16 and up. Moderna's vaccine has been authorized for emergency use to vaccinate those ages 18 and up.

**Is it safe for pregnant women to get vaccinated?** Yes, pregnant females are recommended for the vaccines depending on the individual's risk of acquisition due to the level of community transmission, personal risk of contracting COVID-19 due to occupation or other activities, risks of COVID-19 to the mother and potential risks to the fetus, efficacy of the vaccine, known side effects of the vaccine and the lack of data about the vaccine during pregnancy. Special counseling and a 15-minute observation period after vaccination, if chosen, is recommended.

**How effective will a COVID-19 vaccine be?** Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have an approximate 95% efficacy rate and are highly effective in preventing severe disease. In December, the CDC published that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines had a constant efficacy rate across age, sex and ethnicity categories, as well as among individuals with underlying medical conditions and those who have been previously infected by SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, initial clinical data showed protection is achieved 28 days after the initiation of the Pfizer vaccine, which consists of a 2 dose schedule.

According to Moderna's website, initial trial data was used to estimate a vaccine efficacy of 94.5%. Initial data from Moderna also shows the vaccine may provide some protection against asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection. AstraZeneca estimates a 90% efficacy rate from a specific 2-dose schedule.

**How long will immunity last if I get vaccinated?**

There is no definitive data on how long immunity will last with a vaccine. A COVID-19 vaccine will trigger an immune system response to develop active immunity. Active immunity results when exposure to a disease organism triggers the immune system to produce antibodies to that disease. If an immune person comes into contact with that disease in the future, their immune system will recognize it and immediately produce the antibodies needed to fight it. Although we don't know exactly how long immunity will last for the specific vaccines in trial, active immunity can be long-lasting.

**Why is a vaccine necessary?** A vaccine is necessary to help you and your community shape a new normal. Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools available. Vaccines boost your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. Other steps, like masks and social distancing, help reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus.

**If I've recovered from COVID-19, do I still need to get vaccinated?** Yes. We are seeing evidence of reinfection in patients. Early evidence suggests natural immunity from SARS-CoV-2 may not last very long, but more studies are needed to better understand this. Vaccination should not occur until the patient has met criteria to discontinue isolation.

**What will be the cost of getting vaccinated?** No person can be billed for the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination providers may charge an administration fee to insurance, Medicaid or Medicare, if applicable in your situation. Uninsured Missourians will be able to receive the vaccination regardless of their health insurance status.

**If I'm uninsured, can I get vaccinated?** No resident may be charged for the COVID-19 vaccine, so uninsured Missourians cannot be denied vaccination based on their health insurance status.

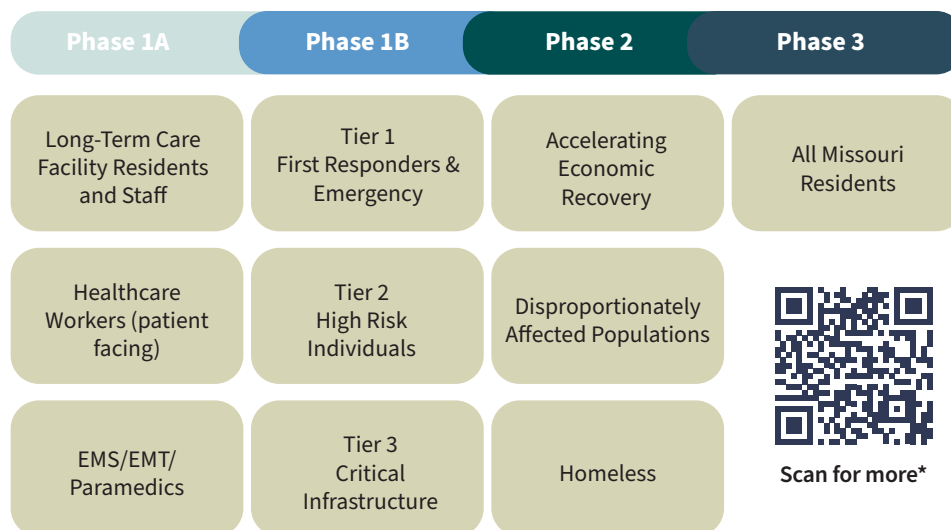
**Will vaccinations be mandated?** There are no plans at the state level to mandate vaccinations.

*Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 will help us reconnect with our families, attend Mass safely, and begin to resume our normal day-to-day activities.*



**When will a vaccine be made available to the general public?** The federal government believes there will be a limited amount of vaccines available in 2020 for the phase 1 priority groups, with supplies increasing substantially throughout the first half of 2021.

**MISSOURI'S COVID-19 VACCINATION PLAN**



\*For more details about who is included in each phase, please visit [covidvaccine.mo.gov/priority](https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/priority)

**The COVID-19 vaccines do not alter your DNA.**

Rumor: mRNA technology will tamper with your DNA.

Fact: That rumor is baseless. mRNA provides a set of instructions to your cells to create an immune response specific to COVID-19. Medical doctors independent of the vaccine development teams have verified that using mRNA will not alter the DNA of our body's cells. The COVID-19 vaccines were created through mRNA technology. They do not introduce DNA into your body.

**The COVID-19 vaccine doesn't cause female sterilization.**

Rumor: The vaccine contains Syncytin-1, which is vital for the formulation of human placenta in women. Fact: Medical professionals have called this "an utterly bizarre claim." None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain Syncytin-1. Furthermore, there are no protein-based vaccines among the candidates in phase 3 clinical trials for COVID-19. Scientifically, there is no sequence homology between SARS-CoV-2 and Syncytin-1, so any immune response initiated by the vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 would not affect Syncytin-1.

## Working for Abortion-Free Vaccines

While Catholics may accept inoculations for COVID-19 as outlined above, we still have a duty to work toward a future in which vaccines are not associated with aborted fetal tissue or embryonic stem cells. As Bishop Rhoades and Archbishop Naumann stated in their memorandum, “[w]hile having ourselves and our families immunized against COVID-19 with the new vaccines is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and of charity toward others, we must not allow the gravely immoral nature of abortion to be obscured.”

To that end, the MCC encourages those receiving the currently available vaccines to contact the manufacturer of the vaccine they receive to let that manufacturer know of their objection to the use of morally-compromised cell lines in the development, production, or testing of the vaccine. In this way, we can be sure that **“the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal tissue cells in research.”**

A draft letter to the manufacturers in question is to the right. →



## New MCC from the Capitol Episode

In an accompanying new episode of our podcast, MCC from the Capitol, MCC Executive Director Tyler McClay interviews Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and Dr. Keith Starke, internist and former Chief Clinical Officer at Mercy Hospital in Chesterfield about the COVID-19 vaccine. Scan the QR code to listen right now!\*

\*to scan a QR code, open the camera app on your phone, and focus the camera on the QR code. A link will appear directing you to the available content.

## Letter of objection: Cease use of morally-compromised cell lines in vaccines

The USCCB released two letters of objection to the use of morally-compromised cell lines in COVID-19 vaccines. The letter below is to Pfizer, which conducted clinical trials in St. Louis.

We encourage you to send this letter to the company by either clipping it from the newsletter, or by visiting our website and printing a new copy.

You can find PDF versions of both the Pfizer and Moderna objection letters by following this link:

[mccatholic.org/resources/covid-19-resources](https://mccatholic.org/resources/covid-19-resources)

Mikael Dolsten, M.D., Ph.D.  
Chief Scientific Officer & President, Worldwide Research, Development & Medical  
Pfizer, Inc.  
235 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Dr. Dolsten:

I write to thank Pfizer for making its lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine available to the public. It is my understanding, however, that in testing this vaccine, Pfizer made use of a cell line derived from an aborted baby. I am respectfully urging Pfizer to stop relying on such cell lines.

Please understand that as one of your potential customers, I believe it is immoral to use abortion-derived tissues and/or cell lines in the production, testing or manufacture of vaccines and other pharmaceutical products. If I have the opportunity to receive an alternative vaccine that has no connection to abortion, I will choose that vaccine instead of Pfizer’s vaccine.

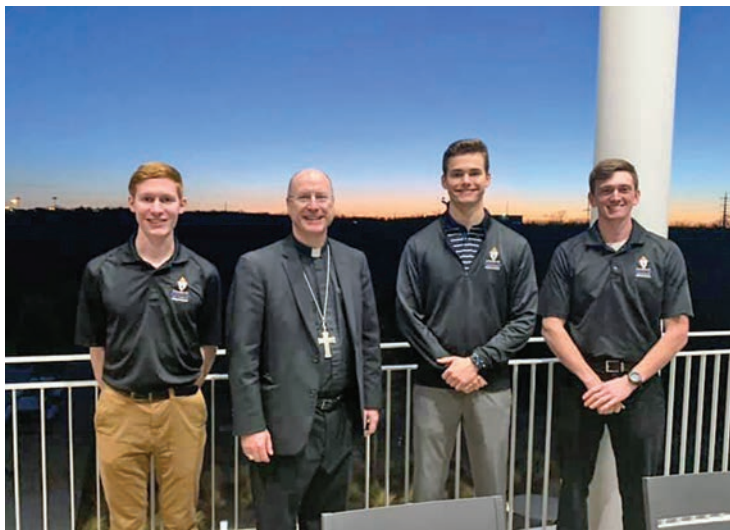
While Pfizer tested the current vaccine using abortion-derived cell lines, it is my understanding that alternative, non-abortion-derived cell sources are available or could be made available. Had Pfizer instead chosen to use a cell line with no connection to abortion, it would have eliminated a significant moral dilemma now faced by substantial numbers of people.

As research and testing continue at Pfizer, I respectfully but strongly urge you to take note of my objections and discontinue the use of abortion-derived cell lines in the development and testing of your products. This is an issue of emerging importance and one about which persons of faith are becoming increasingly knowledgeable. Now and in the future, I will continue to seek out and support those pharmaceutical companies that avoid the use of abortion-derived cell lines.

Sincerely,



## Bishop and seminarians



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight enjoys the sunset with seminarians Gage Neisen, Shane Kliethermes and Jacob Hartman Feb. 25 during a quick trip to Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas, to visit some of our men discerning a possible call to Priesthood for this diocese.

— Photo by Father Paul Clark

## Shade of winter



Seminarians of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas, including Jacob Hartman of the Jefferson City diocese (left), engage with members of the Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of Dallas Feb. 18 on a very rare Texas snow day.

— Photo from the Holy Trinity Seminary Facebook page

## Consecration to Saint Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

## ST. JOSEPH

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Each day, the Diocese of Jefferson City Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds and the diocese's Year of St. Joseph webpage will feature reminders along with videos in English and Spanish of people from various parishes named in honor of St. Joseph, praying the novena prayers.

Videos will feature the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on March 10 and

18; St. Joseph Church in Edina on March 11; St. Joseph Church in Pilot Grove on March 12; St. Joseph Church at Hurricane Branch near Mendon on March 13; St. Joseph Church in Salisbury on March 14; St. Joseph Church in Westphalia on March 15; St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg on March 16; and St. Joseph Church in Fayette on March 17.

## Many offered inspiration for new St. Joseph prayer song

By Jay Nies

Accompanying each video for Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's Year of St. Joseph novena is an original prayer, cast in music by Edina native Natalie Clark.

It's called "Joseph."

The simple words and melody flow like a lullaby and repeat like a mediaeval chant.

"I tried to keep the lyrics as simple as I could and just be able to pray them," said Ms. Clark, a lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish in Edina and current student at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

She had St. Joseph on her heart for several months before Pope Francis dedicated the present year to him.

"It might have had something to do with the COVID quarantine," she stated, "but something led me to have this strong devotion to St. Joseph and overwhelming love for him."

She noted that he is often relegated to the background of the Christ story, due in no small part to his being married to the Blessed Mother, saint of all saints and mother of the Messiah.

"But the whole idea that Jesus had two parents on this planet," said Ms. Clark, "there is so much there for us to honor and emulate."

She contacted a handful of friends and relatives and asked them to send her a few thoughts about St. Joseph.



A statue and stained glass window, both depicting St. Joseph, face each other in St. Joseph Church in Edina.

— Photo by Jay Nies

"I was overcome with this overwhelming plethora of tributes that came back," she said.

Madison Rial, a friend who

he can instill this steadfast and beautiful faith in us without saying a word."

Many people heard "Joseph" for the first time in

February when Ms. Clark joined her mother, Kyle Clark, in a "Reflections from Within" meditation video for the diocesan Women's Ministry. ([player.vimeo.com/video/511398763](https://player.vimeo.com/video/511398763))

Mr. and Mrs. Clark recently traveled to Atchison to spend a weekend with Ms. Clark and

to record the version of the song that will be heard on each of the nine novena videos from parishes in the diocese.

Ms. Clark said people who listen to the song have been helping her discover new things within it.

"I'm now convinced that it's not us as all; it's the Holy Spirit," she said. "True art and beauty are from God, and as such, they affect everyone differently."

She said her experience of growing closer to St. Joseph through this creative process makes her want to do the same with other saints.

"They were all like us at one point," she stated. "Just as we have relationships with the people on earth, we should have relationships with the people in heaven, and I find this to be a really incredible way to develop that."

### "Joseph"

Joseph, plant lilies in me  
And teach me to live in humility.  
Joseph, no room at the inn for the Savior within.  
You're keeping your family close to you.

Your gentleness reveals a part  
of the Father's heart that we all crave.  
Through your tender strength you carve faith  
in our hearts without saying a word.

Brokenness becomes virtuous  
only through gentleness.

— Natalie Clark

served with her on a "Totus Tuus" youth mission team in this diocese last summer, contributed several key reflections.

"Out of all of that, this tribute to St. Joseph kind of exploded," said Ms. Clark.

Her father, Jim Clark, who serves as a music director and accompanist at St. Joseph Church in Edina, heard her singing one of the verses and joined in with guitar accompa-

The St. Joseph Altar is an old tradition that began in Italy and was brought to this country in the 19th century.

Some families use a St. Joseph Altar not only as a gathering place for prayer in the home but also a collection point for food and alms for the poor.

As such, it combines spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

# Helias Catholic, Sacred Heart to offer spring musicals

Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City and Sacred Heart High School in Sedalia will present their spring musicals in March.

•Helias Catholic's production of "Back to the '80s" will be performed on Thursday through Saturday, March 11-13, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14 at 2 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center, 501 Madison St.

Tickets are \$15 apiece for adults, \$10 for students. Call 573-635-6139 for advance tickets.


•Sacred Heart's production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, at the Liberty Center, 111 W. Fifth St.

Tickets are \$5 apiece. Call 660-827-3800 for advance tickets.


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## ST. PIUS X

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grade.

“Ever since then, I’ve been learning more about the faith, and I’ve grown in relationship with God,” she said.

Last year, Janeen Kilgore, her religion teacher, asked her class to write a paper about their baptism.

“I told her I had never been baptized, and she said, ‘Well have you ever thought about being baptized and becoming Catholic?’” Whitney recalled.

Whitney had been thinking about it for a long time.

Her parents and Mrs. Kilgore helped her decide.

“She was the one who really encouraged and inspired me to be baptized and become Catholic,” she said.

The Catholic faith is now becoming part of her everyday life.

“I ask for prayers along this amazing journey,” she said.

### “It’s just time”

Sixth-grader Clairann Lingo has been learning about Catholic Christianity throughout her time at St. Pius.

“I found it really interesting and I decided that I wanted to also become part of the Catholic faith,” she said.

She wants to build a stronger relationship with God.

“I think it’s going to be exciting, and I know that I’m doing the right thing,” she said.

She believes she’s being called by God to help spread the Good News.

“I’m excited to celebrate everlasting life with God in heaven,” she said.

Her brother, third-grader Kyran Lingo, mentioned becoming Catholic to his religion teacher.

“She said it was a good idea, and then my other teacher in third grade said it would be cool, so I decided to go with it,” he said.

They began taking instruction from Deacon Hill after Thanksgiving.

They did so in the classroom of their mother, Nealie Bear, the school’s art teacher.



**Students from St. Pius X School in Moberly who are preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil gather with Deacon John Hill in the classroom of art teacher Nealie Bear after school on Tuesday, Feb. 2.**  
— Photo by Jay Nies

“They were the ones who were more into it,” said Mrs. Bear. “I said I want to come and learn what they’re learning, too.”

“We’ve been taking it all in,” she added, “and just last weekend, I decided that yes, I want to join, as well.”

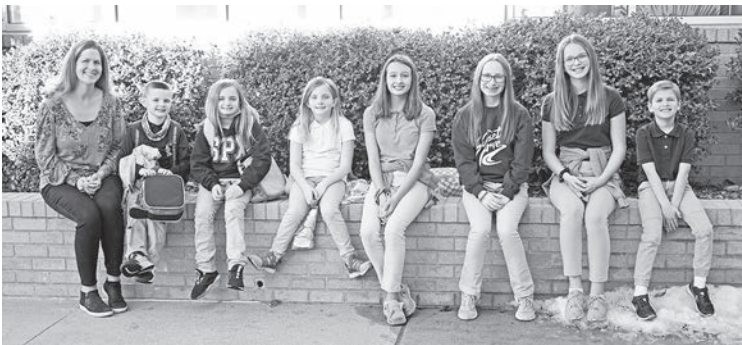
She believes that God has had her on this path for a long time, but her determination to

graders Addyson and Olyvia, want to be baptized, too.

“I want to be a part of God’s family and join the Catholic faith like my mom and my dad,” said Addyson.

Colton will receive his First Holy Communion with his classmates at school next year, and will be confirmed with them later in grade school.

At the Rite of Election, he was a little anxious about entering the Cathedral sanctuary with others from throughout the diocese who are seek-



understand everything got in the way.

“I think it’s just time for me to do it,” she said. “I feel like God is calling me and I need to listen to Him instead of trying to figure it all out on my own.”

Kyran said he’s looking forward to being baptized and receiving his First Holy Communion with his sister and his mother.

“It’s going to be cool,” he said. “Very exciting!”

### “Something new”

First-grader Colton Schultz’s religion teacher asked her students about their baptism, and that awoke in him a desire to be baptized in St. Pius X Church.

He wanted it even more after he talked to his mother about it.

His twin sisters, fourth-

tion.

Norah picked St. Rose of Lima “because she believed the beauty of the soul is a lot more important than the beauty of the body or the face.”

Whitney picked St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music.

“If I’m in a bad mood or just need to be lifted up, I can just listen to music and it will put me in a much better mood and make me feel a lot better,” she said. “So for me, that’s a sign to always stay positive.”

Olyvia picked St. Veronica because she’s the patron saint

of photography.

“And I like looking at photos and taking photos with my friends, of sunsets and pretty things,” said Olyvia.

Kyran picked St. Francis of Assisi, “because he loves animals and likes to take care of them.”

Colton isn’t being confirmed yet, but he picked St. Gabriel the Archangel.

“He’s the one who messaged Mary that she would have baby Jesus,” he said. “I like him because he’s like the mailman. He gives all the mail away.”

### God’s fingerprints

Deacon Hill said witnessing the commitment of these eight people has considerably deepened his own faith.

“God has His fingerprints all over their journeys,” he said. “I am so proud of every one of them. They are so hungry to know God and become members of His family.”

The deacon pointed to Jesus’s directive to “let the children come to Me” (Matthew 19:14).

“We should not just watch them go,” he said. “We should follow them into the arms of Christ our Savior.”

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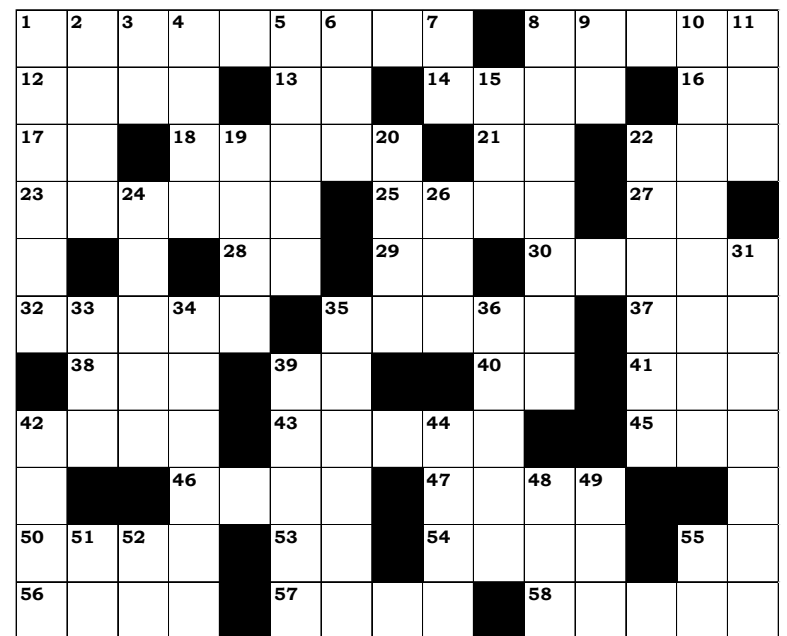


By Father Don Antweiler  
**ACROSS**

1. Howard County, Mo. was organized in 1816 and named for Benjamin Howard, the first Governor of the Missouri \_\_\_\_\_, which included the whole of the Louisiana Purchase, except for the new State of Louisiana.
8. The 440-mile Natchez \_\_\_\_\_ Parkway follows a historic forest trail from Nashville, TN to Natchez, MS. For many years, it was the only reliable land link between the eastern States and the trading ports of the lower Mississippi River valley. Meriwether Lewis committed suicide (or was murdered) along this trail & is buried there.
12. American subscription video-on-demand TV network co-owned by Walt Disney Co.
13. 60 min.
14. Woodwind instrument.
16. Sooner State (abbr.).
17. "Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and

- Elijah, \_\_\_\_\_ like James and John," —sermon on the Transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop, about 650 A.D.
18. "We don't believe in abortion because every pregnant woman is potentially carrying the next chief of the \_\_\_\_\_," —American Sioux Indian.
21. Stomach muscle.
22. Mine contents.
23. Howard County is nicknamed the \_\_\_\_\_ of (Mo.) Counties since all or part of 39 Mo. counties were formed from it.
25. New Testament prophetess (Luke 2:36).
27. Union Pacific or Norfolk Southern (abbr.).
28. In legal contracts, letters for Liquidated Damages (i.e., an estimate of intangible or hard-to-define losses).
29. \_\_\_\_\_ what?!
30. "In (the river) were crowded fence rails, cordwood, domestic utensils, tables, beds, cradles and sometimes an entire log \_\_\_\_\_. Giant trees, over 100 feet tall, floated downstream as lightly as matches," —from memoirs of a German immigrant by Gert Goebel, Ch. 20: The 1884 Flood.
32. Part of the mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:18).
35. Upper room.
37. Wedding words?
38. "\_\_\_\_\_ missa est"; last words of the Latin Mass.
39. \_\_\_\_\_, Mo.; Mo.'s capital

- (abbr.).
40. Fee-fi-\_\_\_\_-fum, —from Jack and the Beanstalk British fairy tale.
41. Toddler.
42. A popular credit card.
43. "\_\_\_\_\_ spiritu tuo"; (i.e., "and with your spirit") —from the old Latin Mass (2 wds.).
45. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka.
46. \_\_\_\_\_, Señor! Yes, Sir! in Tijuana (2 wds.).
47. Catholics believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mull off Scotland's west coast is its 4th largest island. Its 340 sq. miles boasts four castles, scenery, wildlife and has Bronze and Iron Age brochs, stone circles, and burial cairns.
53. Unhealthy rays.
54. Mary's mom.
55. To my dismay, I discovered the world is not "all about \_\_\_\_\_" after all!
56. At the outset of the Civil War, Gov. Claiborne Jackson, a Howard County native and strong secessionist, ardently worked to \_\_\_\_\_ Mo. out of the Union into the Confederacy.
57. The vast majority of Missourians did not want to secede and join the Confederacy so Gov. Jackson fled the State, took the State \_\_\_\_\_ with him and formed a rump Mo. Government-in-exile in Confederate Texas, officially recognized by the Confederacy with a star on its flag.
58. "And He walks with me, and He \_\_\_\_\_ with me..." —from the hymn "In the Garden."



3. NYSE letters for the Ralph Lauren Co.
4. King David's non-Jewish great-grandmother; also the 8th book of the OT.
5. At its beginning, Howard County covered one-\_\_\_\_\_ of what would become the State of Mo.
6. The earth, for ex.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ho ho! Part of a pirate ditty.
8. Howard Co. was settled by Southerners who brought their slave laborers to produce hemp and \_\_\_\_\_ along the Mo. River bottoms.
9. Prefix for side or sign.
10. Surprisingly perhaps, in 1860 in Mo., the biggest concentration of slaves was not in southern Mo. but along the Mo. River \_\_\_\_\_ in central Mo., particularly Howard Co. in the heart of the Little Dixie area.
11. The scratch farm Ozark farmer was barely able to \_\_\_\_\_ out a living on his land.
15. The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021 caused the U.S. to \_\_\_\_\_ travel from certain countries for certain periods of time.
19. "...with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we \_\_\_\_\_ for unfailing help," —Eucharistic Prayer III.
20. "God planted a garden, in the \_\_\_\_\_, and He placed there the man whom He had formed," (Genesis 2:8).
22. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ the sun every 365 days.
24. St. Augustine's (354-430 A.D.) City of God is beyond all dispute one of the greatest books in the Latin language and one of

- the most influential \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of the West," —*The God That Did Not Fail*, by Robert Royal, Ch. 4: Christian Paradoxes.
26. "\_\_\_\_\_ even the Holy Family was exempt from trouble. Hardships and poverty were common in this uncommon family," —*Mary's Life in the Holy Spirit*, by Andi Oney.
31. That detective has a good eye. He \_\_\_\_\_ things.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ + IV = VII.
34. The young girl laughed and \_\_\_\_\_ all the time to everyone's delight.
35. Howard was very politically \_\_\_\_\_ and at times had a significant influence on Mo. State government, esp. before the Civil War.
36. "\_\_\_\_\_ were angels, no government would be necessary..." —James Madison (2 wds.).
39. "And \_\_\_\_\_ advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man," (Luke 2:52).
42. "And behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sanctuary was torn in two..." (Matthew 27:51).
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains separate Europe from Asia.
48. "Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, O sluggard, study her ways and learn wisdom," (Proverbs 6:6).
49. Pasture.
51. Dir. from Centralia to Hermann.
52. This State's State Bird is the brown pelican (abbr.).
55. Scholars agree that this was the first of the four Gospels written (abbr.).

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## INITIATION

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before,” he said. “Where I went to church, we never kneeled.”

He met his wife, Lauren, a lifelong Catholic, while they were students at Truman State University in Kirksville.

They took part in a Pre-Cana retreat before getting married in a Catholic church 14 years ago.

They attended classes at church in preparation for having their first child baptized.

When it was time for kindergarten, they enrolled her in a Catholic school.

The family moved several times before returning to Boonville. They now have three children enrolled in Ss. Peter & Paul School.

“I knew their involvement in the Church was going to get bigger and bigger as they get older,” Mr. Cowherd said. “I finally had this light go on this summer that said, ‘It’s time. I need to do this before my kids are too old.’ I need to know what they’re experiencing.”

He also wanted to become more grounded in his faith and get closer to Jesus and to his family.

“This is just what I needed to help me stay focused,” he said.

It’s been a substantial commitment.

“It’s not an overnight thing,” he said. “It’s something you really have to work on. But it’s been a fantastic experience.”

Naturally inquisitive, he has enjoyed asking questions and getting good answers from the RCIA team at Ss. Peter & Paul.

“It’s really about going through and listening and trying to understand what we do and who we are,” he said. “I knew there was a method and reason behind all of this, but I didn’t know what it was.”

He’s deeply grateful to the parish RCIA team, his confirmation sponsor and for his wife for their support.

“It’s a huge team effort, from my wife holding down the fort at home while I’m at class and from all the people at church,” he said.

He hopes his own experience will help him encourage



**Candidates, who have already been baptized and are preparing to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church at Easter, gather with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph Feb. 21 to be called to continuing conversion through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.**  
— Photo by Jay Nies

people who feel lost in a Catholic environment.

“If people have questions, they can come to me and ask me about it,” he said. “That’s something I would like to bring with me into the Church and share with others.”

**More photos from this event will be posted in *The Catholic Missourian’s* online edition, [www.cathmo.com](http://www.cathmo.com). Select “Photo Galleries” from the “Multimedia” tab on the menu bar.**

He asks for prayers for perseverance for all elect and candidates, “to make sure we finish well.”

“And for all of us to find our place and get involved as we move forward,” he added.

### “Wonderful trip”

Mrs. Weiland grew up in a Christian family, putting into practice a faith that called her, in the words of John Wesley, to “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

She and her husband Robert were active in youth ministry at their church in Kirkwood, near St. Louis, where they raised their family.

They taught Sunday school and led retreats and at least three youth mission trips.

Their daughter, Pam, attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, where she met Frank Flaspohler, a Catholic whom she would eventually marry.

Mrs. Flaspohler then became Catholic. They and their children are now members of St. Joseph Parish in Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiland found their way to central Missouri, where she completed her master’s degree and the coursework to serve as a licensed lay pastor of the United Methodist Church.

“On Sundays, I could serve in small rural churches where we had need,” she noted.

She also taught at St. Mary School in Glasgow from 1986 to 1991.

“It was a terrific school to teach in,” she said. “My principal, Sister Eleanor, was so wonderful. The teachers were very welcoming.”

She continued teaching in the Fayette R-III School District and then served as a substitute teacher until the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, the Fayette School Board honored her as the district’s Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Weiland’s son-in-law is a lector at St. Joseph Church, and her daughter sings in the choir, as do some of Mrs. Weiland’s grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

“Lately, I’ve been attending St. Joseph,” she said. “I’ve

found it to be a very warm and welcoming congregation.”

“And as a bonus, I get to hold a baby on my lap!” she added.

Her oldest grandson invited her to become Catholic.

“He’s very persuasive,” she noted.

Equipped with a solid curriculum, she has been filling-in as a religious education teacher in the parish CCD program.

“And now I have a class!” she said. “With two of the great-grands in it!”

She plans to hold onto friendships and faith connections within the United Methodist Church, “but the Catholic faith is going to be an essential part of my life,” she

said.

“This has been a wonderful trip,” she stated, “and it’s not finished.”

She asks for prayers for all people preparing to become Catholic to grow in their prayer life and their relationship with God.

“And to be diligent and ever-ready to be of service to the Church,” she said. “I think that’s incredibly important — not just to attend on Sunday, but to be part of whatever we can do to help.”


### As the moment nears

All Catholics are encouraged to keep the candidates and elect in prayer through these last, most intense weeks of preparation before they’re received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

That night, the symbols of fire, light, water, oil, bread and wine will be highlighted in a Liturgy filled with some of the Church’s richest traditions and rituals.

Neophytes, as newly initiated members of the Church are known after the Easter Vigil, will continue meeting regularly through Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter.

That phase, called Mystagogia, is a time to “savor the mystery” of Easter and to experience a full and joyful welcome into the community.

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

Mar. 5

**Boonville**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, parish parking lot; **California**, K of C curbside fish fry, 4-7 pm, Annunciation annex; **Camdenton**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Columbia**, Sacred Heart K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School; **Cuba**, Holy Cross drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 4:30-6:30 pm; **Eldon**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 5-7 pm, Catholic Center; **Fulton**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm, St. Peter Church; **Glasgow**, K of C carry-out shrimp boil, 5-7:30 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 3:30-7 pm, Veit Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C 1054 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Koeltztown**, AK Crusaders Relay for Life drive-thru fish fry, 4-7:30 pm, St. Boniface Center; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church; **Mary's Home**, K of C drive-thru fish & shrimp din-

ner, 6-7:30 pm; **Moberly**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, parish hall; **St. Martins**, St. Martin Home & School drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Wardsville**, Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, St. Stanislaus

Mar. 11-14

**Jefferson City**, "Back to the 80s," Helias Catholic High School spring musical; Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7 pm; Sat & Sun at 2 pm, Miller Performing Arts Center, for tickets call 573-635-6139

Mar. 12

**Boonville**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, parish parking lot; **Camdenton**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Columbia**, Sacred Heart K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School; **Cuba**, Holy Cross drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 4:30-6:30 pm; **Eldon**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 5-7 pm, Catholic Center; **Fayette**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 3:30-7 pm,

Veit Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C 1054 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C 12992 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, Cathedral Undercroft; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church; **Marceline**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Rich Fountain**, Sacred Heart drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, parish hall; **Salisbury**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Sedalia**, K of C drive-thru Fish Fryday, 3-6:30 pm; **Taos**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Tipton**, St. Andrew CYO carry-out fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Andrew School

Mar. 14

**Belle**, St. Alexander breakfast, 7-11 am; **St. Patrick**, Shrine of St. Patrick drive-thru roast beef dinner, noon-1:30 pm, for reservations, call 660-754-6198; **Salisbury**, Salisbury Chapter Missouri Right to Life fried chicken dinner, dine-in, drive-thru or local delivery, 11 am-2 pm, for info call 660-414-7102 or email [safarnen@hotmail.com](mailto:safarnen@hotmail.com); **St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apos-

tle drive-thru pork steak & brat dinner, 11 am-4 pm

Mar. 19

**Boonville**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, parish parking lot; **Camdenton**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Columbia**, K of C 1529 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, K of C Hall; **Cuba**, Holy Cross drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 4:30-6:30 pm; **Eldon**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 5-7 pm, Catholic Center; **Fulton**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm, St. Peter Parish; **Glasgow**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 5-7:30 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 3:30-7 pm, Veit Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C 1054 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C 12992 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, Cathedral Undercroft; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church; **Mary's Home**, K of C drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 6-7:30 pm; **Moberly**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, parish hall; **St. Martins**, St. Martin Home & School drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7 pm

Mar. 11

**VIRTUAL**, National Association of Pastoral Musicians Jefferson City Diocese Chapter annual membership meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, to register email [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com)

Mar. 18

**VIRTUAL**, Cursillo School of Leaders Inspirational Event, 7-8 pm, to join Zoom meeting visit [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](https://diojeffcity.org/cursillo)

Mar. 25

**VIRTUAL**, National Association of Pastoral Musicians Jefferson City Diocese Chapter "Chat & Chew," noon-1 pm, for the Zoom link email [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com)

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Mar. 20

**Jefferson City**, "Encounter Jesus under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe" Day of Prayer for Vocations with the Guadalupe Missions, including veneration, Mass, confessions, Tilma workshops and more, 8 am-6:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph; **VIRTUAL**, Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri "United in Prayer Day," 9 am-12:30 pm, to register visit [cocemo.org](https://cocemo.org)

## Youth & Young Adults

Apr. 21

**Jefferson City**, "Purified" chastity presentation for teens & parents with Jason Evert, for 6-8 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info or to register visit [cathedral.diojeffcity.org/purified-tickets](https://cathedral.diojeffcity.org/purified-tickets)

## FR. DOYLE

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give kind admittance to Your kingdom." And the fourth eucharistic prayer is even more specific: "Remember also those who have died in the peace of Your Christ and all the dead whose faith You alone have known."

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## Meetings & Conferences

Mar. 10

**VIRTUAL**, Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or [dtwombly@cccnm.org](mailto:dtwombly@cccnm.org); **VIRTUAL**, "Don't Worry, Retire Happy!" webinar with Tom Hegna, sponsored by George Spinelli K of C Insurance Agency, 7-8 pm, to RSVP email [gspinelliagency@mail@kofc.org](mailto:gspinelliagency@mail@kofc.org)

## URENECK

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as we turn toward the sun and the light of Christ awaits us at the Easter Vigil. If we use those 40 days well, they can be the bridge out of the misery of lockdown and isolation, but also out of our online tribal wars and call-out culture.

If this pandemic is a marathon, Lent can be our replenishing station. It can be the period in which we take in the things that will nourish us for the rest of the race and the opportunity to shed the things or habits we no longer need to hold onto.

At the end of her poem, Rossetti muses: "What can I give Him, poor as I am?/ If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb/ If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part/ Yet what I can I give him: give him my heart."

When we make it to the other side of this bleak midwinter, it would be good for our hearts not to be "anesthetized," as Pope Francis has warned, but made ready to receive the joy of Easter, that eternal spring for which we all wait in hope.

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**Kirkville, Mary Immaculate**  
Donald & Shayla Reynolds, 42 years

**Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows**  
Mark & Wanda Borman, 40 years

**Meta, St. Cecilia**  
Bob & Marsha Meyer, 50 years

**Palmyra, St. Joseph**  
Craig & Kathy Bent, 43 years  
Frank & Connie Burch, 41 years  
David & Janice Kroeger, 33 years  
Chuck & Susan Chambers, 31 years  
Duane & Judy Martin, 30 years

**Russellville, St. Michael**  
Roger & Carol Zink, 51 years  
Dan & Gail Cartee, 46 years

**St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick**  
Mark & Deanne Whiston, 47 years

**Vienna, Visitation**  
Larry & Loretta Haller, 46 years

## Birthdays

Edina, St. Joseph — **Marie Clark**, grandmother of Father Paul Clark, her 100th on Mar. 18

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Bill McAnany**, his 100th on Mar. 6

## H.R. 5

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and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality," the bishops said, further quoting Pope Francis.

"Tragically, this act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience," the committee chairmen added.

"Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith," they said. "It would also in-

## Baptisms

Fulton, St. Peter — **Lewis Harrison Backer**, son of Harrison & Elaine Backer

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Zoey Nicole Scroggs**, daughter of Cole & Jessica Scroggs; **Milo Peter Williams**, son of Matthew & Kristie Williams

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Amelia Ione VanAlstine**, daughter of Andrew & Erin VanAlstine

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Olivia Paige Bussman**, daughter of Steven & Lene Bussman

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Jordyn Layne Rudroff**, daughter of Layne & Megan Rudroff

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Royce Joseph Clark**

## Elections

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Colleen Abbott, Chuck Angerer**, new members of the Parish Pastoral Council

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Randy Dodd**, president; **Kevin DeHaan**, vice president; **Brenda Bland**, secretary, of the Parish Pastoral Council

Warsaw, St. Ann — **David Grimes**, president; **Don Ostrolencki**, vice president; **Sue Yates**, secretary, of the Parish Pastoral Council

## Deaths

**Anthony H. Bauer**, 97 — brother of the late Father Sylvester Bauer, a Freeburg native — on Feb. 7 in Westphalia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date.

**Cecilia Kempker**, 101 — grandmother of Fr. David Veit, pastor *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia — on Feb. 18 in Westphalia. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 24 in St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville, with Fr. Ignazio C. Medina, Fr. Gregory C. Meystrik and Fr. Veit concelebrating. Burial was in St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Baring, St. Aloysius — **Dorothy Delaney**

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Tully Reed, Mary Ellen Welsh**

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Jane M. Riddle**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Joe Henke, Marchea Klang**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Neva G. Redel, James J. Wilde**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Bobby Heiser, Bill Oltman**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew Catholic Church — **William G. Hamacher**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Cole J. Epple**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Rosemary C. Scheppers**

Kahoka, St. Michael — **Mary O'Brien**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Eric Killday**

Linn, St. George — **Georgia "Jean" Niewald, Matt A. Voss**

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Ella Rose Ewigan**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Ann E. Heinzler**

Perry, St. William — **Mike Couch**

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph — **Martha Vollmer**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Daniel J. Neuner**

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Dr. Steven P. Goetz**

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## GUADALUPE

From page 11

increasingly bland and dark.

"That's exactly what God needs from us," said Mr. Watts. "Just as the world continues to become less friendly to the Church's teaching and to Christ, we're being invited to become more radical."

### Saying yes

The Day of Prayer for Vocations is completely free of charge, although free-will offerings will be accepted to help with the life- and soul-saving work of the ministry.

As Mr. Watts prepares to share all of these things, he asks for prayers to be able to let God shine through him and present what God wants people to receive at this moment.

"What you desire in your heart, God already desires more than you can possibly desire it," Mr. Watts noted. "He loves you more than you can possibly receive, and He has the power to do more than anything you could possibly ask of Him."

"We just need to be open to receiving what we need and what He delights in saying yes to," he stated.

Visit [guadalupemissions.org](http://guadalupemissions.org) or [hopeofthepoor.org](http://hopeofthepoor.org), or search "Guadalupe Missions" on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about the ministry and how to help with it.

fluct numerous legal and social harms on Americans of any faith or none."

Further, the U.S. bishops' committee chairmen that if passed, H.R. 5 will "discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America's founding principles."

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, is a 1993 law that protects religions against government intrusion.

Among its other provisions, the bishops said, the measure would expand "the government's definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities."

On Feb. 26, House Republicans introduced a compromise measure called the Fairness for All Act, which differs from H.R. 5 in that it would "clarify protections based on race, color and national origin." But also unlike the 'Equality Act,' the compromise bill

says RFRA can be used "as a defense in court against allegations of illegal anti-LGBTQ discrimination."

The USCCB on its website posted an "Action Alert," asking Catholics to write to their representatives and senators to urge them to vote against the 'Equality Act.'

Some state Catholic conferences have done the same, including the Missouri Catholic Conference. In a Feb. 22 Action Alert, it said: "Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. 'The Equality Act' ... in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed."

## Crossword puzzle answers

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## Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to [editor@diojeffcity.org](mailto:editor@diojeffcity.org); faxed to 573-635-2286; or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

## Royal treatment



Members of the Catholic Schools Week Royalty at St. Brendan School in Mexico present to Father Dylan Schrader, pastor, the \$3,515 in proceeds from their fundraiser, to be donated to St. Brendan Parish's capital campaign.

— Photos by Principal Kathryn Coulson

## Storing up treasure in heaven



The student council at St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville donated \$730 in proceeds from the council's "Trash to Treasure" fundraiser in December to the parish Pro-Life Committee.

— Photo from the St. Stanislaus School Facebook page

## Snow business



**LEFT:** Students of St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City take the opportunity to "play in the snow" in plastic tubs in class on Jan. 27. "We're at school today, but that's no reason not to play in the snow!" school officials stated.

— Photo from the St. Joseph Cathedral School Facebook page

**RIGHT:** Two students kick off Catholic Schools Week at St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City by dressing as their heroes on Feb. 3. Students also participated in a virtual school Rosary for all the heroes in the community.

— Photo from the St. Peter Interparish School Facebook page



## A visit from the pastor



Father Daniel Lueckenotte, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Cuba, visits with students of Holy Cross School during Catholic Schools Week.

— Photo by Sue Ryle

## Decades in the making



Students at St. Brendan School in Mexico made rosaries as part of their Catholic Schools Week activities.

## I.C. gratitude



Each class at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City posted a photo on the school's Facebook page during Catholic Schools Week, thanking the parish for supporting the school.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Facebook page



# Jesus clears the temple of vendors

By Joe Samicola  
Catholic News Service

Jesus woke up early in the morning. He wanted to go to Jerusalem with some of His disciples for the Feast of Passover, which was only a few days away. He found the city crowded with Jews from all over the country and even neighboring countries. He walked through the happy crowd on His way to the temple. The sense of celebration was contagious, and Jesus greeted people as He passed through the streets. When he reached the temple, His mood quickly changed to anger because of what He saw there.

The temple did not look like a place of worship. Instead it looked like a farmers' market. Vendors were selling oxen, sheep and doves to be used for sacrifice. Money-changers were making change and exchanging foreign currency so the adult



men could pay the temple tax. Jesus found several strong cords and made a whip out of them. He cracked the whip at everyone selling things in the temple area. Vendors ran in every direction to get away from Him, taking their livestock with them. Jesus took the cash

boxes from the money-changers and dumped their money on the ground. Then, with very harsh words, he confronted the men who were selling the doves.

"Take these out of here and stop making My Father's house a marketplace!"

As they watched what was happening, some of the disciples remembered the words of a psalm, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The vendors were not happy that Jesus was interrupting their business, so one of them said, "What sign can You show us for doing this?"

Jesus stood defiantly in front of them and answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Some of the Jews laughed at what Jesus said. Others became angry. Someone shouted out, "This temple has been under construction for 46 years, and You will raise it up in three

days?"

But Jesus was not talking about the building He had just chased the merchants out of; He was referring to His own body. The disciples heard what Jesus said, but they did not understand until after Jesus had been resurrected.

Jesus continued to preach and perform signs while He was in Jerusalem, and many people believed in Him.

### Read more about it... John 2

1. Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?
2. What did Jesus say about the temple?

## Bible Accent

The Feast of Passover is celebrated by the Jewish people to remember when God delivered their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. Moses told the Israelites in Egypt to mark their doorposts with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. He said, "For the Lord will go by, striking down the Egyptians. Seeing the blood ... the Lord will pass over that

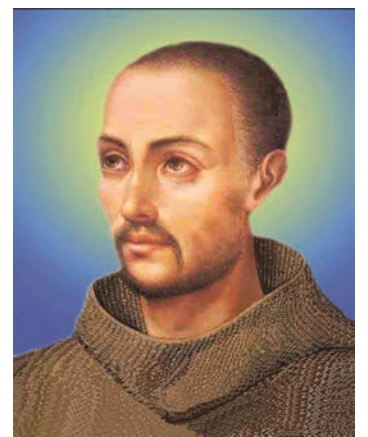
door and not let the destroyer come into your house to strike you down."

The Passover celebration is a time of hope even if people are experiencing hardship and difficulty. Still today it is a time for Jewish families to celebrate together. Jesus ate the Last Supper with His disciples during Passover.

## Essay

Share your thoughts on this week's Bible story with family and friends by writing an essay in response to this question: Why are lay ministers so important to our churches?

## Saint Spotlight



Born in Portugal, a man named John was a soldier under the Count of Oropesa in Spain in the 1520s. He fought in a war between France and Spain and against the Turks for the Hungarians. Wanting to change his life of violence, John decided to serve God through peace. He successfully sold sacred books and pictures. After hearing a sermon by John of Avila, he became guilt-ridden because of his previous sins. He acted so wildly he was put into a mental institution. John of Avila visited John and spoke with him. John was healed and released from the institution. He dedicated the rest of his life to helping the sick and the poor, and attracted followers of his own. A modest man throughout his life, after his death in 1550 he was known as John of God. We remember him on March 8.

## Puzzle

Using Exodus 20 as a guide, fill in the blanks with the word in parentheses that correctly completes each of the following commandments:



1. You shall have no other \_\_\_\_\_ besides me. (temples, gods, kings)
2. You shall not take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord in vain. (kingdom, name, house)
3. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath day. (holy, clean, safe)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your father and mother. (Serve, Honor, Obey)
5. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (cry, kill, speak)
6. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (steal, work, struggle)
7. You shall not bear false \_\_\_\_\_ against your neighbor. (gifts, memories, witness)



Answers: 1. gods, 2. name, 3. holy, 4. Honor, 5. kill, 6. steal, 7. witness.

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# Author presents 'small steps' for living in holiness, peace

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The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) were founded in the chaotic and crime-ridden South Bronx neighborhood in 1987. Despite many obstacles, they have become one of the fastest-growing Catholic religious orders in the world, known for radical service to the poor and a joyful Christ-centered spirituality.

In his new book, *Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress*, Father Mark-Mary Ames CFR,

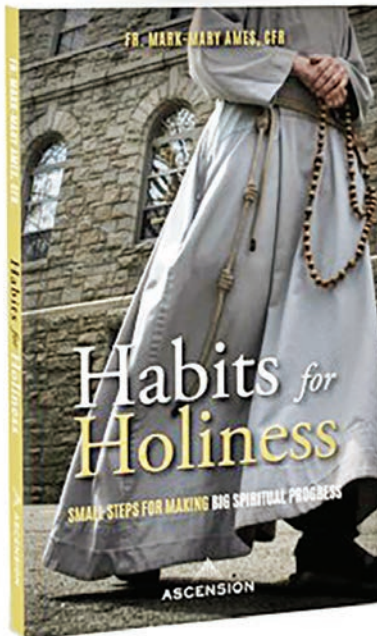
takes 800 years of that same Franciscan wisdom and extracts "small steps" that can lead anyone — especially laypeople — to the same peace and holiness in daily life.

Fr. Ames, director of communications for the CFRs, is well-known for his videos on the popular "Ascension Presents" YouTube channel.

This is his first book with Ascension, a leader in Catholic faith formation and digital content.

"Instead of encouraging people to exit the chaos of the world and tune out, we share the Franciscan rule of practical and proven steps of how to lean in and cultivate their daily life into fertile soil for the spiritual life," Fr. Ames stated.

Throughout the past year, and especially now during




Lent, many people are reevaluating their spiritual priorities. The daily pursuit of holiness may seem daunting, but putting God first provides peace of heart and clarity along the path to sanctity and eternal life.

The tools outlined in *Habits for Holiness* are drawn from the CFR charism and spirituality. The book's chapters model the pillars of CFR religious life: prayer, fraternal life, evangelization, and service to the poor.

*Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress* coaches readers how to:

- run the "marathon" of life with spiritual nourishment;
- make prayer the center of daily life through a quick "3x5 Examen";
- create a strong and faithful Catholic culture within a family;
- foster growth through recreation, exercise, proper rest,

# Movie Ratings

 General Patronage	The House That Rob Built (not rated)
 Adults	The Dig (PG-13) Judas and the Black Messiah (R) Land (PG-13) The Little Things (R) The Marksman (PG-13) The Mauritanian (R) Minari (PG-13) Nomadland (R) Our Friend (R)
 Limited Adult Audience	The White Tiger (R)

Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for current reviews.

and healthy eating; and •serve and love the poor through personal encounters and small sacrifices.

Each section includes thought-provoking questions for reflection such as, "Does my life look radically different from the lives of non-believers?" and "Am I truly paying attention to the people I meet throughout the day?"

"Things fall in order when you're living in order," Fr. Ames stated. "Doing simple things consistently provides a solid foundation onto which grace can overflow. The CFR community's motto is *poco a poco*, or 'little by little.' By opening our hearts to others, making time for prayer, and serving others, we can be transformed."

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# Cathedral parish to host “Purified” event with Jason Evert

**DATE: April 21**  
**TIME: 6 - 8 pm**

St. Joseph Cathedral Parish in Jefferson City will host “Purified,” a life-changing event for families (ages 13 and older) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21.

Internationally-acclaimed Catholic speaker and author Jason Evert will give answers to life’s

tough questions about love, dating and relationships.

Participants will leave with a healthy sense of self-worth and the ability, if needed, to start again.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$20 each for a family of four or more and may be purchased on the Cathedral parish website: [cathedral.diojeffcity.org](http://cathedral.diojeffcity.org)

# NPM virtual chapter meeting

**DATE: March 11**  
**TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

The diocesan chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold its annual membership meeting virtually via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

This meeting is for all pastoral musicians of the diocese.

Discussion topics will include: status of the chapter, restructuring of the national organization and the implications for the local chapter; and members’ needs.

“We exist to support the diocese’s pastoral musicians in your music for your parish,” a spokesperson for the chapter stated.

Registration is required. Email [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

# Chrism Mass to be offered during Holy Week

**DATE: March 30**  
**TIME: 10 am**

This year, the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Jefferson City will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on March 30, the Tuesday of Holy Week, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This is because the Thursday before Holy Thursday, when the Mass is usually celebrated in this diocese, falls on March 25, the Solemnity of the Assumption, this year.

During the Mass, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will bless the sacramental oils and consecrate the Oil of Chrism for use in sacraments throughout the diocese in the upcoming year.

The Chrism Mass will be livestreamed. Visit [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) for information and a link.

# Good as new

Monsignor David Cox, pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirksville and the Mission of St. Rose of Lima in Novinger, gathers with students of Mary Immaculate School around the school’s recently restored statue of the Blessed Mother. As a service project, students raised \$300 to help pay for the restoration. Msgr. Cox blessed the restored image on Jan. 21.



# Daily Readings

**Sunday, Mar 7**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Ex. 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
1 Cor. 1:22-25  
Jn. 2:13-25

**Monday, Mar 8**

St. John of God, religious  
2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab  
Ps. 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4  
Lk. 4:24-30

**Tuesday, Mar 9**

St. Frances of Rome, religious  
Dn. 3:25, 34-43  
Ps. 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9  
Mt. 18:21-35

**Wednesday, Mar 10**

Dt. 4:1, 5-9  
Ps. 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
Mt. 5:17-19

**Thursday, Mar 11**

Jer. 7:23-28  
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Lk. 11:14-23

**Friday, Mar 12**

Hos. 14:2-10  
Ps. 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17  
Mk. 12:28-34

**Saturday, Mar 13**

Hos. 6:1-6  
Ps. 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab  
Lk. 18:9-14

**The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for March:**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**Sunday, Mar 14**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
2 Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ps. 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Eph. 2:4-10  
Jn. 3:14-21

**Monday, Mar 15**

Is. 65:17-21  
Ps. 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b  
Jn. 4:43-54

**Tuesday, Mar 16**

Ez. 47:1-9, 12  
Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn. 5:1-16

**Wednesday, Mar 17**

St. Patrick, bishop  
Is. 49:8-15  
Ps. 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
Jn. 5:17-30

**Thursday, Mar 18**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church  
Ex. 32:7-14  
Ps. 106:19-20, 21-22, 23  
Jn. 5:31-47

**Friday, Mar 19**

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk. 2:41-51a

**Saturday, Mar 20**

Jer. 11:18-20  
Ps. 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12  
Jn. 7:40-53

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## Mike Hentges to address Cursillo School of Leaders via Zoom March 18

**DATE:** March 18  
**TIME:** 7 pm

Anyone who has ever wondered how God uses ordinary

people to do extraordinary works of charity and evangelization will want to tune into Mike Hentges's ZOOM talk "A Spiritual Journey: From Inspiration

to Action," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

Join the Cursillo Movement of the Jefferson City diocese, as Mr. Hentges talks about his journey from self-doubt to trust, to form the St. Raymond's Society.

St. Raymond's is an organization that born out of the belief that a mother in an unplanned pregnancy needs much love and support before, during and after the child is born.

This talk is for anyone who feels like God is calling them to something more but they're unsure of how to proceed.

"Indeed, God plants many good seeds within the human heart and gives each one of us the freedom and grace to respond and grow," stated Susan Stolwyk lay director for Cursillo in this diocese.

The link and information about the talk can be found at [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](http://diojeffcity.org/cursillo).

For more information, contact Ms. Stolwyk at [s.stolwyk@gmail.com](mailto:s.stolwyk@gmail.com) or at 573-607-0435.

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